

HURRICANE:



1928 disaster is revisited in
40-page special section inside

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Altman, Kirk return to commission

BELLE GLADE-A malfunctioning vote counter forced a long waiting period following the city election Tuesday night but the 46 ballots it did count forecast with uncanny accuracy the results when incumbent commissioners Tom Altman and W.R. "Ralph" Kirk were re-elected.

Mayor-Commissioner Altman won handily over political newcomer Larry Simmons, 1,116-552 and Commissioner Kirk slipped past veteran commissioner Aubrey Farmer in an 889-808 cliffhanger.

Those totals were a long time coming because one of the two automatic counters broke down and refused to do its job after tallying the results from only 46 votes, leaving the other counter, which had also experienced difficulty earlier, to give the results of the 1,765 votes cast.

But those 46 votes told the story. In the Group One race, Altman led Simmons, 32-14 and in Group Two, Kirk led Farmer, 23-22. That gave Altman a 69 per cent edge compared to his final 66.9 per cent lead and Kirk had a sneak preview vote of 51.1 per cent compared to a final 52.4 per cent.

This was the second year the city has voted with the new Votamatic machines and it was the second year one of the punch card counters broke down. Last year, the city was using three machines and made the count on two.

The machine trouble was an appropriate ending for a day which saw a large number of potential voters confronting election official charged with enforcing a new law requiring positive identification or an affidavit in which the voter took an oath he or she was an eligible voter and lived in the precinct in which he or she was voting.

Another problem was that the

voting books had just recently been purged by Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Jackie Winchester and a number of voters had to be confirmed by calling Mrs. Winchester's West Palm Beach office.

The last would be voter in line didn't go through the polls until after 7 p.m. and was turned away because his name had been purged and it was too late to confirm his eligibility.

This was also the first election in which a new law gives a purged voter the right to be re-registered at the polls.

The city poll had been open less than an hour before at least three typical incidents had occurred. Two persons had no identification and had to go home and get their IDs and another person refused to sign an affidavit he was still a resident of Belle Glade after an election clerk said he'd moved from town.

Altman said after the race he wanted to continue working on environmentally oriented wastewater and solid waste disposal programs he felt had been mandated by the voters.

Altman, who will now begin his third two-year term, said during the campaign the programs, required by the federal and state governments, will have to be completed and, because they're so expensive, the programs will have to be done right because the city will be locked in after final decisions have been made.

The mayor ran a low key campaign, speaking only twice, once at the Belle Glade Lions Club and again at a Jaycee-sponsored political rally. He refused to use the traditional campaign posters, saying he would like to see all

see Election P.11



THE VICTORS and their wives struck the traditional pose following the election Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kirk and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Altman had reached the end of a long, hard day and another campaign.

after harvest season is completed

SR80 is to be resurfaced

BELLE GLADE-News that the State Department of Transportation has decided to resurface SR

80 between 20 Mile Bend and Belle Glade, besides the milling job that's now complete, made State

Representative Tom Lewis doubly welcome Friday night at a local Republican gathering.

Lewis made the announcement during a pre-primary election Meet the Candidate Party sponsored by the Glades Republican Club at the Municipal Civic Center and it was confirmed this week by the DOT's District office in Fort Lauderdale.

Ironically, Lewis was just finishing his talk to the group when Congressional candidate Bill James put in a late appearance and said the reason for his delay was that a tractor-trailer had been wrecked at 20 Mile Bend and had blocked traffic.

Lewis gave the Glades voters even further good news when he said he had also learned construction is now expected to begin on the 13.8 mile stretch of relocated four-lane SR 80 between Hooker Highway and US 98 near 20 Mile Bend in May 1979.

"Once construction begins," he said, "they'll have so much money committed they won't be able to back off."

Milling has all but been completed on SR 80 after several weeks of work and Jim Chandler, Deputy District Engineer for the DOT, said plans are now in the works to have the stretch from here to 20 Mile Bend resurfaced at the end of the incoming harvest season.

Chandler said plans are expected to be complete in about two weeks and the project is scheduled for a December bid letting. He said the contract is expected to be awarded in February or the first of March, "but we're going to make damn sure we don't interfere with the harvest season."

The engineer said a milling job now being done on US 441 north of Hooker Highway already has resurfacing included as part of the contract.

He said the DOT had thought the SR 80 pavement was in good enough shape to at least attempt to improve it by simply milling it, a relatively new process in which the road's surface is planed down and smoothed out, leaving grooves in the pavement.

"After we've completed the milling though," Chandler said, "we're not satisfied. There are too many cracks which go all the way through the pavement."

Dennis Widing, a DOT inspector who was at the site of the milling operation on US 441 Tuesday, said the process is having a side benefit in the Glades because the asphalt being milled off the road's surface is being swept to the side to make more shoulder material.

The US 441 milling job between Hooker Highway and Pahokee is expected to be completed by Friday, Widing said.



ROAD MILLING is still underway on US 441, where DOT inspector Dennis Widing kept flag girl Debbie Baber company stop-

ping traffic while heavy equipment works in the background, but resurfacing is in the contract.

Development hearing is tonight

BELLE GLADE-A public hearing to solicit input for the city's proposed subdivision and development ordinances will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at city hall, with two more public hearings scheduled to provide input on zoning revisions slated for the next two weeks.

City Building Inspector Kenneth Bellator stressed that tonight's hearing will not deal with zoning at all.

Anyone wishing to get a copy of any or all of the three ordinances involved are being invited, because of action by the city commission Monday night, to pick up free copies in the Planning and Zoning Department offices in city hall.

The matter was brought up when City Manager Robert R. Sanders told the commissioners the only guideline he had on placing a cost for ordinance copies was designed to be a guide for printing pages of the city's ordinances

which have already been published. Those pages are commercially printed on both sides and the cost is placed at \$1 per page but Sanders pointed out that the proposed ordinances are being reproduced on an office copying machine and the cost shouldn't be as high.

At the suggestion of Mayor Tom Altman, who said there is a basic difference on what should be charged people who are approaching the city asking for copies and when the city is

see Hearing P.11

Garbage hearing set

BELLE GLADE-A public hearing to solicit public input on the mobile tote garbage collection system will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 in the city commission chambers at city hall.

The hearing was planned by the city commission as a result of several petitions for and against the system, which was used in a pilot project of a cross section of the city.

Almost 600 households were

involved in the pilot program and these households have received queries. City Manager Robert Sanders said approximately 88 percent of the replies thus far have favored the use of the system.

On the other hand, a group of women representing three clubs appeared before the commission a month ago in an attempt to get assurance the system wouldn't be installed.



I'm mighty proud of our special hurricane issue you'll find in this week's paper. Some long hours and hard work went into those 40 pages.

So here I'd like to recognize the staff involved in making it a success.

A majority of the research was handled by Dean Jones, Jackie Bridges, Mona Miller, Mia Parria, Carolyn Nehls, Alma Henry and Kerry Faunce.

Involved in the advertising end were Cathy Conerly, Susan Cassidy, Sherri Denning and Sonny Stalls. Sherri, Cathy Stalls and Kathy Warr did the advertising layouts.

The type was set by Debbie Forshoe and the ad pasteup done by Emily Pullen, Debbie Sparkenbaugh and Nedra Conklin. Trudy Baschore read the proofs and Julie Hough ran the camera.

The printing crew consisted of Steve Walker, Don Collins and Gene Austin.

And for those of you who very graciously placed ads, you'll get the bill courtesy of Bernice Christiansen and Jane Cuevas. By the way, thanks for those ads...they made everything possible!

A tough chore to handle, but one that is also vital is the stuffing of the paper and a host of folks, led by Charlotte Lucas and Ricky Patterson, are responsible for that.

So you can see the number of people involved in a project such as this. Most of them are never seen by the general public while they work, unlike the reporters and advertising representatives.

But they are just as vital in putting it all together as the former and deserve as much credit.

Work on the issue actually began last year when the staff began to put together the names of residents who went through the 1928 hurricane. Then interviews were set up, tapes made and transcribed and the page began to quicken.

The ad staff swung into action a month ago and began "feeding" sales to the production facility in Clewiston. Last Thursday, the first 24 pages were put together and printed and this Monday, the other 16 completed.

The final result is what you'll find in this week's paper. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did in producing it.

Ran into Roy Whitehurst at Rotary the other day and happened to mention to him that Planned Parenthood is moving a branch to Belle Glade.

Roy is the proud poppe of a new little boy his wife Terri presented him with this week. And it appears Roy is constantly being surprised since Terri presented him with a little girl less than a year ago.

Now this happy happening wasn't exactly planned, according to Roy, but he's pleased about it anyway.

However, all he could say when hearing the pronouncement about Planned Parenthood was "When will it open?"

Another note was passed along the other day by Bob White, area manager of Southern Bell. Bob said he liked a recent column, but couldn't agree with the thought that some competition is good for most business.

And after he explained, I had to agree with him. Seems Ma Bell is involved in a disagreement with certain companies who transmit only between the most lucrative markets, such as New York to Boston. They don't, nor do they make any effort, to serve just anybody. Consequently, they can charge lower rates and are signing business away.

It doesn't make much what you think of Ma Bell, but the fact is she's regulated by the FCC and the others aren't. Seems to me they either should be or everybody should be turned loose to compete freely.

It's only fair.

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Opinion

IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO LIVED...
AND DIED-



The great hurricane of 1928

Lest we forget...

Fifty years ago Saturday, more than 2,000 lives were lost in our area when the dike holding back the waters of Lake Okeechobee burst during a great hurricane.

In this issue of the Belle Glade Herald, there is a 40-page special section dealing with that tragedy and the people involved.

Fifty years has thinned the ranks of those who were witness to the catastrophe. But the people who are still with us remember it well and dread the consequences of another storm of its intensity.

We are in the middle of a hurricane season. But the protection we now have is much greater than in 1928.

However, few of the newer Florida residents have ever witnessed a hurricane nor do they realize the impact a big Cape Verde blow can have on their lives.

It has been said time and again that we are overdue for a hurricane. Preparations are made yearly by local and state agencies to deal with one should it occur.

Yet each year comes and goes without a storm. Each year since the late '60s.

One will come. You can bet on it. And when it comes, you

should know what to do.

If you live in a mobile home, do not be foolish and try to ride out the hurricane there. Go to one of the Red Cross shelters listed in the special section.

If your home is not of sturdy construction, get out. Unlike 1928, our main danger now may come from the winds rather than from a tidal wave of water.

Take the usual precautions. Put in a supply of water and food. Make sure your radio's batteries are fresh. Secure possessions that could blow away. And take the advice of those who have ridden out hurricanes before.

There are many places you can go for information on what to do before a hurricane. The Red Cross, National Hurricane Center, South Florida Water Management District and other agencies all make this information available. Get copies of it and study it closely well in advance of the hurricane season.

We are indeed well overdue for a hurricane. And the loss of property and life from a bad storm could be tremendous due to the complacent attitude of today's Floridians.

The victims of the 1928 hurricane teach us not to be complacent. Heed their advice.

We need detox unit here

When word came out last week that the Glades may lose a detoxification unit which is part of an alcohol rehabilitation center in South Bay, law enforcement officers all over Western Palm Beach County were disturbed.

Two of the leaders of law enforcement officers in the Glades, Police Chief D. Bill Mathis of Belle Glade and Captain Frank Fogelman of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, who heads the Glades detachment, were disturbed enough to write letters to District 5 County Commissioner Bill Bailey supporting the detox unit.

Besides the letters, law enforcement officers all over the Glades have praised the alcohol rehabilitation center's work, saying it provides a needed service.

The general consensus is that without the center, and the detox unit, the alternatives for treating intoxicated persons fall back on jailing them, which is prohibited by law, finding another agency to take care of them or transporting them to the coast.

The consensus goes on to say that law officers aren't trained to treat alcoholics, any more than they're trained to handle mentally unbalanced people. They can control them by getting them off the streets but that's the extent of their capabilities.

It's an accepted fact that alcohol is the most abused drug in America today and the Glades is no exception to that rule. As one person in Belle Glade put it, if there isn't some place to take these people, we're going to be up to our elbows in drunks.

That's the practical reality, without looking into the humanistic question of what's to become of the alcoholics themselves, whether they're going to be allowed to drink themselves down the tube or be given a chance at least to recover.

Alcoholism is a treatable illness. The low recidivism rate at the center is an indicator of that as well as the center's success in treating the illness with the methods at hand.

People in the Glades fought for a long time to get first the basic center and then the detoxification unit in the Glades. Without the readily available services of the detox unit, people could die while being transported the 53 miles to the nearest such unit in West Palm Beach.

The problem is that the federal government has dropped some of the funding, which means the center will have to make do with \$50,000 less this year than last year unless someone takes up the slack.

The county is being asked to pick up that slack but seems reluctant to do so. There has been some question expressed by Commissioner Bailey about whether the funding cut would necessarily mean the curtailment of the unit.

If the center's budget can be worked around the deficit, it should be but that is a lot of money for a small operation and if the \$50,000 loss means the loss of the unit, someone needs to take a closer look at priorities.

The Glades needs that unit and if the commissioners can't appreciate that fact for the intrinsic humanitarian value, they ought to appreciate the practical value.

CRACKER CRUMBS

BY DEAN JONES

Sometimes I'll see a sign advertising something and wonder who put the thing together and whether it's a sign of the times or a sign whoever made it up was suffering from absentmindedness or a hang over.

Like the sign I've seen for some time every time I walk into the Palm Beach Mall advertising "Ears Pierced While You Wait".

Now, I thought that sign had to be unique but Susan Weaver, one of the weird dreams, and I got to talking the other day about signs and she said the same sign is up in a number of places.

And a lot of people don't even seem to notice the inconsistency (didn't think I knew that did I?) of the statement...even when you're commenting about how odd it is.

It is sorta nice to have your ears pierced while you wait, even if I never did really have any desire to have my ear lobes holed. Think of the alternative.

"Why, you ma'am, we'll be glad to pierce your ears but first of all we'll have to amputate because we just don't have time to do it right now and there ain't no waiting room."

Or, extending the concept further and the list is endless. "Open heart surgery, while you wait," or "Hickeys, while you wait" or by mail order. Simply send your head, along with the \$3 gratuity, and you'll receive it back with a freshly styled coiffure."

Course there could be trouble if the U.S. Postal Service undergoes a strike sometime after the barber receives the head of hair and the time it's due to get back to you.

"Listen here, Mr. Postmaster, I lost my head somewhere between here and Skipper's and I wanna know what you intend to do about it." "We'll put a tracer on it right away but considering the employee are on strike, it could be a while so don't hold your breath."

Then there was another sign Susan said she'd seen recently too, in connection with a sale on jeans, which went something like, "Pair Sold Separately."

I think we both know what they were trying to say but we both came up also with an instant image of a clerk throwing two Levi legs at us...separately, and saying they were on sale that way.

With times, they call 'em blemished and reduce the price too, and I understand there's a term in the clothing industry to describe the same thing. That's an second, but separate jean legs...that's seconds with a vengeance.

Well, by the time this comes out in print, the two covers are down here at the Herald. We'll have the Hurricane issue out of the way and the city elections will be over and thank God for small favors.

Biff has actually been doing the biggest share of the Hurricane issue but I got involved also, and my grandfather had been working in Pahokee until the storm just a few days before the big blow.

I'd asked him about the possibility of doing an interview to be used in the issue but never had a chance to go up to Leesburg, where he lives now.

It was just as well because I don't believe there's any way I could've drawn from him in an interview the type of description he put on paper about what it was like for a 15-year old boy helping pick up the wreckage after a major disaster. He'd never really said too much about the body recovery but he was involved in and in a way I'm glad, it was a beautifully written story about a gruesome subject and, even though he didn't say it right, he'd got a strong hunch it was also a story of a boy becoming a man.

It's funny how you can gain a whole new perspective of someone you've known all your life, and with increased respect, because of something that happened 50 years ago and the way he writes about it.



PHILLIP YORKSTON (left) was the guest speaker for the Kiwanians September 7. Also pictured are Ed Rongione, Dick Allred (new member) and Mel Chaney.

CBers to hold benefit

BELLE GLADE—The Katherine Price Foundation, and the foundation's recipients, will benefit Saturday when the Glades CB Club puts on its Third Annual Jamboree at the GCI Community Building behind the Glades County Office complex on US 441 North.

Live entertainment will be provided by three live bands as the jamboree gets underway at 10 a.m. and goes on into the night, beginning as a barbeque and winding up as a dance.

Club member James Huggins said the bands which have been lined up include one from Belle Glade and another from West Palm Beach, neither of which have names but both specializing in Country and Western music, and Sweetwater, a Cleveland band which will play at the dance that night.

Serving of a barbeque chicken dinner will get underway at 2 p.m., Huggins said, with tickets costing \$2.50 a meal, and the barbeque will continue until 6 p.m.

Besides the two bands during the

afternoon, there will be a "Jamboree Jail" where participants can have somebody jailed for no better reason than the quarter it takes to have the "culprit" "arrested", door prize drawings every hour and grand prize drawings.

Tickets for the dance, which begins at 8 p.m. and runs "until?", will cost \$5 per couple or \$3 stag and children under 16 will get in free.

A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Katherine Price Foundation, which is committed to helping needy people in the Glades.

Local man arrested, drugs, money seized

BELLE GLADE—Belle Glade Police Department detective and patrol units along with the Sheriff's Dept. M.A.N. Unit arrested James Ed-

ward Williams age 23 of 205 SW 5th St. #2 on a charge of possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

Williams was arrested as the result of a coordinated investigation headed by Det. T.M. Corderman and agent Mark Wetherington.

A search warrant signed by Judge Don T. Adams was executed on Williams' residence at 205 SW 5th St. #2, Belle Glade, FL.

Police confiscated 49 nickel bags of marijuana and \$111.00 in cash.

Williams was booked into the Palm Beach Co. Jail on a \$5,000 bond.

FAU exam to be given at PBJC

BELLE GLADE—The Florida Atlantic University Entrance Exam will be given at Palm Beach Junior College, Glades Center, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade on Monday, September 18. The test will be administered in the Guidance Office, at 5:00 p.m.

Bureau raps gas law

GAINESVILLE—"Phased in" deregulation of natural gas prices is not in the best interest of farmers or the national economy, says the president of Florida's largest farmer organization.

"We are urging the U.S. Senate to reject the conference report on President Carter's energy plan because of its phased in decontrol of natural gas prices," says Walter J. Kautz, president of Florida Farm Bureau Federation.

The seven-year phase in proposed by Carter should be replaced by immediate deregulation of natural gas prices, says Kautz.

"Deregulation of prices will serve to stimulate development of new natural gas supplies," says Kautz. Under present artificially low prices, new reserves will not be developed in time to meet the nation's needs.

Kautz also emphasized the importance of an agricultural priority for natural gas, pointing out that agriculture depends on biological processes and cannot make up for production lost as a result of a natural gas shortage.

"Without an agricultural priority for natural gas," Kautz says, "it would be difficult to meet the nation's requirements for food and fiber."

Farmers cannot shut down production for a few days because we run out of gasoline and then come back and expect our products to be market."

as fresh and marketable as when we suspended production, Kautz says.

"We cannot shut off the food machine," Kautz says. "We must have a reliable supply of gasoline not only to produce out commodities but also to move them to market."

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Dr. R.C. Lane, Optometrist wishes to announce that his practice will be operating on a limited schedule beginning Monday - September 18th through December 31st.

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The office will be open for making appointments from 9-6 (Monday thru Friday) with Miss Rachel Nance as secretary.

Thank you,
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South Bay Christian Comments

By Bill Anderson, Pastor
First Baptist Church,
South Bay

SOUTH BAY—In the first three chapters of Ephesians the apostle Paul describes the new life that God gives us in Christ and new society that he is creating through Christ. Now Paul turns from the theological to the practical by explaining "the new standards" that God expects of his people.

EPHESIANS 4:1-6
He begins, "I therefore...beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called." Well, what is a life that is worthy of God's calling?

I believe that every day, as we go out into the world, our heavenly

Father says to us, "My dear child, you must always remember who you are." And then we should behave like it.

So the question is, who are we? Well, we are the people of God; we are the new society that God has called into being. And this new society has two major characteristics. First, it is one people: the one and only family of God. Second, it is a holy people: it is distinct from the world; it is a community that belongs to God. Therefore, because God's people are one people, they must manifest their unity. And because God's people are a holy people, they must manifest their purity.

THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH.
There are four particular truths

about Christian unity that God intends and that are unfolded here: charity, unity, diversity and maturity.

FIRST—Christian unity depends on the charity of our conduct (4:1-2). At the end of chapter 3 Paul prayed that we may be "rooted and grounded in love." Now he exhorts us to walk in love. The apostle begins with charity; that's where we, too, should begin. There are too many people who, when talking about the unity of the Church, begin with structures.

There must be some structure, but we must not begin with structures. Paul begins with moral qualities; and if we have to choose, the moral is more important than the structural.

What moral qualities? First, lowliness. Have you ever thought that pride lurks behind all discord—the conceit that despises other people, or the vanity that demands their respect? Behind all discord lies vanity.

That's why the great secret of unity is humility—the humble recognition of the worth and the value and the importance of other people, the "humble mind" that was in Christ Jesus.

Then, meekness: meekness that is the gentleness of the strong personality who is nevertheless master of himself and servant of others.

Patience, which is longsuffering toward people who exasperating. "Forbearing one another" which is mutual tolerance.

And finally, love: that embraces the preceding four. Love is the crown of the sum of all Christian virtues; it constructively seeks the welfare of other people. We may be quite certain that no unity is pleasing to God that is not the child of charity.

SECOND—Christian unity arises from the unity of our God (4:3-6). Here in these verses the word "one" occurs seven times: one body, on Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, on God and Father of us all. Notice how the unity of our Christian experiences arises out the unity of God.

Area Church News

HUSTLE AND BUSTLE

The big city throbs with business life, heavy traffic, and the comings and goings and doings of many people. Whether you live in the city or you just come to town occasionally from the small town or farm, you have experienced this hustle and bustle. It reminds you that all life sometimes gets too hurried, too frantic with all we must do. We need a time to stop and somewhere to go to find peace and respite from all this. Have you thought of trying God? Job 22:21 says, "Acquaint now thyself with God and be at peace."

How sweet it is to be in God's house, to feel close to Him, to listen to His word. Tension leaves. Peace of soul arrives. Won't you attend God's house this week and see what he can do for you?

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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P225/M217	225R17	\$50.00	\$1.61
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Simon Train switches tracks

BELLE GLADE—Simon Train, a fixture at WSWN radio station for the past seven years, announced last week he is going to WIRK radio station in West Palm Beach Monday.

Train said he will be going to

"The Country K" as a disco jockey, filling the 7 p.m. to midnight hours and will be special assistant to Music Director James M. Howie and Programming Director Barry "Breakfast Barry" Grant.

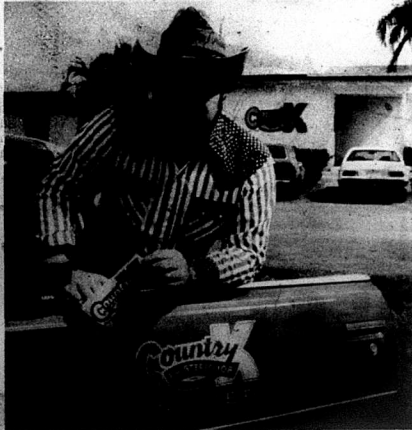
He said he will maintain his Pahokee residence, at least for the foreseeable future, and will commute to his new job while continuing to serve as president of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and on Belle Glade's Black Gold Jubilee Committee.

"I hate to leave WSWN," he said, "because I've had an opportunity to become a more rounded radio person but WIRK is one of the leaders in the South Florida area and I believe it will become one of the top stations in the South in the near future."

"One of the numerous reasons for switching," he said, "is because 'K' has done extensive research in radio programming and I feel radio in the future will become more specialized in the field of demographic surveys. I want to learn as much as possible to further my career as a program director and business manager."

He said he believes the reason the coastal station made the offer to him is because of the popularity he has built over the past seven years he's been in the Glades and that he knows more about Country Music trivia and personalities than anyone else in the area.

While in the Glades, Train was named CMA Country DJ of the year in 1975 and 1976, Country Beat Magazine DJ of the Year 1975-77, Country Beat Magazine Bluegrass DJ of the Year in 1977 and was nominated DJ of the year, nationwide 1975-78.



SIMON TRAIN announced this week he was switching tracks to the Country K in West Palm Beach.

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Popular disc jockey "Breakfast Berry" from Country K FM stereo radio will broadcast live from the Royal's Tent Sale this coming Saturday morning, September 16, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Berry, who was nominated for Mr. DJ USA in 1977, is also a song writer with two of his songs recorded, "June" and "If It's Not Around the House".

Berry has been playing country music in Palm Beach County since 1971. And, he has been waking up south Florida since 1973 when he joined Country K. In addition to his morning d.j. show, he is also program director of the station.

Since Berry's hobby is ranching, he lives on a small ranch in Loxahatchee with his wife and two children.

The special sale will take place in Glades Plaza in Belle Glade this weekend, Thursday through Saturday. Tent specials, truckload specials, and sidewalk specials from Royal's Department Store, Rags Unlimited, and Plaza Furniture in the Glades Shopping Plaza on Highway 750 in Belle Glade. The remote broadcast will be Saturday morning.



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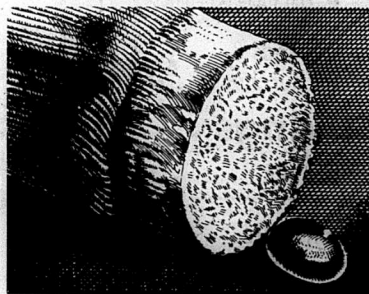


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Omicron Iota holds meeting September 5

The 106th meeting of Omicron Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was held in the home of Barbara Hyneman on Sept. 5.

Jane Thompson presented an interesting program on backpacking and how it effects our area.

Pennie Hughes, president announced the Omicron Iota had received a 3 star rating for the previous year. The 1978-79 budget was read by Treasurer Jayne

Boytontand approved by all members.

Barbara Hyneman, service chairman gave some suggestions for service projects for everyone to think about.

Those present were: Barbara Hyneman, Pennie Hughes, Jayne Boynton, Judy Schiele, Sue Teets, Julie Mills, Sherry Barnes, Paula Mock, Dianne Carter, Anita Raessler, Gina Farley, and Jane Thompson.

Xi Alpha Mu discusses March of Dimes

Xi Alpha Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its first regular business meeting, Thursday, September 7, at the home of Mrs. Jack Bush with Mrs. Dave Cunningham, president, presiding.

Business included the service project for the year, which is the participation in the "March of Dimes" with the community.

The social for the month will be held at the home of Mrs. Harold Wilerson, September 21.

The program presented by Tina Elliott, Charlotte Walston, and Evelyn Lair had as its topic, "Refugee."

Refreshments were served by Ada Bush and co-chairman Elsie Sims.

Society holds luncheon in the Graber home

BELLE GLADE—Xi Beta Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority held its beginner day luncheon Saturday, at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Graber. Every one attending enjoyed the buffet style salad lunch.

Each table was decorated with a center piece of yellow and white daisies.

Special guest of honor was Miss Kathy Britton, bride elect of Bryan

Cross. She was presented with a gift by the chapter.

Members in attendance were: Mrs. Francis Cross, Mrs. Howard Drawdy, Mrs. Milton Carpenter, Mrs. Ned Ayres, Mrs. Betty Kildner, Mrs. Fred John, Mrs. Robert Fincannon, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. Earl Lindrose, Mrs. Mendel Luce, Mrs. Warren Battle, Mrs. Rosa Nash, Mrs. Carence Pate and Mrs. Dorothy Graber.

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People

Junior Women plan annual crafts bazaar

BELLE GLADE—Nu Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will hold its annual crafts bazaar on Sept. 23 at the Belle Glade Municipal Civic Center, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing through 1:30 p.m.

There will be a variety of

homemade crafts, a bake sale, and elephant sale and a door prize.

The door prize drawing will be held at 1:30 and the winner need not be present. The prize this year is a bowl and pitcher set.

Refreshments will be served during the bazaar.

Business Women discuss upcoming district meeting

PAHOKEE—The Pahokee Business Professional Woman's (B.P.W.) Club held its monthly business meeting at the home of Ms. Faith Sasser on Sept. 5, with president Maureen McNulty presiding.

Two members and one guest attended the meeting.

Rotary sets Ladies Night October 16

BELLE GLADE—The Belle Glade Rotary Club has scheduled a Ladies Night for October 16 in conjunction with the Pahokee and Clewiston clubs.

Highlighting the meeting will be the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellowship to a Belle Glade Rotarian.

The name of the Rotarian to receive this high honor will be kept secret until the meeting.

Canal Point Garden Club begins season

CANAL POINT—The Canal Point Garden Club announces that it will hold its first fall meeting on September 21, at 2 p.m. at the Canal Point Community building. Incoming officers for the new year are Mrs. Cathy Smith, president; Mrs. Edith Summers, vice president; Mrs. Tina Riddle, secretary; and Mrs. Francis Ehstrom, treasurer.

Garden Club schedules fall dinner

PAHOKEE—The Pahokee Garden Club will hold its annual Covered Dish Fall dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Pahokee United Methodist Church.

Members, husbands and guests will enjoy getting together after the summer holidays.



TWO NEW EMPLOYEES recently joined the staff of the Belle Glade Herald and Everglades Observer. Mrs. Susan Cassidy, right, is working in advertising in Belle Glade and Pahokee and Ms. Carolyn Nehls handles society and classifieds in Belle Glade.

Final plans announced

PAHOKEE—Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Britton of Manchester, Ky., announce the final wedding plans of their daughter, Miss Kathy Britton, to Bryan Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Francis Cross, Jr. of Belle Glade.

The wedding will take place on September 29, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Pahokee. A reception will be held in the church courtyard immediately following the ceremony.

No local invitations are being sent but all friends and relatives are cordially invited.

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Marriage workshop continues

BELLE GLADE—"Marriage is a covenant, a contract," the Reverend Ralph Banks told a cross-section of the Glade community on the evening of the Marriage Workshop. Braving a torrential downpour, some seventy people came to Ringland Hall, 225 N.W. Avenue H, last Sunday evening to hear the first of eight discussion leaders. This unique series of informal, loosely-structured evenings is being offered to everyone of every age without charge. The goal is to "help troubled marriages; strengthen sound marriages; and understand broken marriages."

Starting each time at 7:30 p.m., the Marriage Workshop will meet every Sunday and Wednesday evening through October 4. It is being offered as a community-wide, non-denominational service by ministers of local Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches.

"The concept of covenant has its roots in the Old Testament," stated the opening panelist, Banks, who is a resident of Lake Park, is considered a "non-parochial priest" by the Episcopal Church of which he is a minister. Weekdays he is a teacher of exceptional (gifted) children; Sundays he serves Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Pahokee.

Some seventy people turned out on opening night. Teenagers made up a surprisingly large proportion of those present. "Who else will tell us about God and sex?" commented one young man. "The schools can't and our parents don't."

The Reverend Ralph Banks explained that a covenant is a bond or contract entered into voluntarily by two parties. Each pledges to do something for the other. Laying a solid Biblical basis for subsequent discussions, Banks pointed out that Jesus Christ took the concept a step further when he showed his own life and death to be the perfect covenant between God and man.

Ringland Hall, next door to the Civic Center on N.W. Avenue H, provides intimate informality for this unusual community-wide concept in which a variety of social and psychological disciplines are examined in the light of Christian tradition.

Breaking his audience up into

small groups, the former Tulane chaplain, whose topic was "A Covenant with God," invited each group to examine a passage of Scripture affecting the marriage contract. Toward the close of the evening, the several insights were shared by all participants.

Sponsors of the eight Sunday-Wednesday evening series are providing a baby-sitting service at no charge. There are no offerings,

and no donations will be accepted.

Some additional subjects and speakers include: "Becoming a Family" with Lutheran pastor Kenneth Larson on Wednesday, September 13; "Communication within Marriage" with Methodist pastor Goldmar Blair on Sunday, September 17; "To Divorce or Not" with marriage counselor Mrs. Frances Gabaldon on Wednesday, September 20.



Rev. Ralph Banks



Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie

Moorman-Guthrie wed August 26

PAHOKEE—Miss Debra Moorman, daughter of Mrs. Mada Cason of Belle Glade and Gene Bartley of Clewiston, became the bride of Dennis Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Guthrie of Pahokee, on August 26, in a double-ring ceremony held at the Pahokee First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Tom Howe officiating.

The bride wore a candlelight qiana gown with lace trim around the neck line and matching lace appliques on the sleeves. The veil was attached with a Juliette cap trimmed in matching white lace. Her bouquet was made up of miniature blue and white carnations.

Mrs. Belinda Bartley, sister-in-law of the bride, was the matron of honor. She wore a mint green empire waisted gown accented with a bouquet of green and white miniature carnations.

The mother of the bride wore a floor length baby blue gown with a

corsage of carnations to match. Mrs. J.A. Guthrie, mother-in-law of the bride, wore a floor length dusty rose gown with a white carnation corsage.

The best man was Jimmy Her-ring of Belle Glade and ushers were Rodney Guthrie, brother of the groom, and Gary Gillis of Pahokee. The pianist and organist for the wedding was Ismael Gonzales. Soloist Diane Guthrie, sister-in-law of the groom, sang "We Have Love."

Out of town guests included Mrs. Mary Thielen and Mr. and Mrs. David Bartley of Clewiston, Garrick Moorman of Okeschoobe, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ekrite, Mrs. Clarice Cannon, Mrs. Linda Williams, and Ms. Sandra Humprey all from Lake Placid.

A reception followed the ceremony in the fellowship hall. The couple spent their honeymoon at Long Boat Key. Upon their return the couple will make their home in Loxahatchee.



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South Bay Baptists hold revival service

The First Baptist Church of South Bay will be having a revival beginning Sunday Sept. 17 through Sunday Sept. 24. The services will begin at 7:00 on Sat., Sept. 23, there will be a spaghetti supper at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Randy Rudisell will be the speaker for the week. Dr. Rudisell is the pastor of Flagami Baptist Church of Miami. He is noted for his contributions to the Baptist Sunday School literature and his work with the Prison Chaplain

Program in Gainesville, Fla. As well as being one of the states outstanding pastors, Dr. Rudisell has been appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention to serve on the Home Mission Board working with the Cuban refugees. Dr. Rudisell is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with his Doctorate from Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Dr. Rudisell is an exceptional individual diversified in many fields and will have something for every age group that attends.

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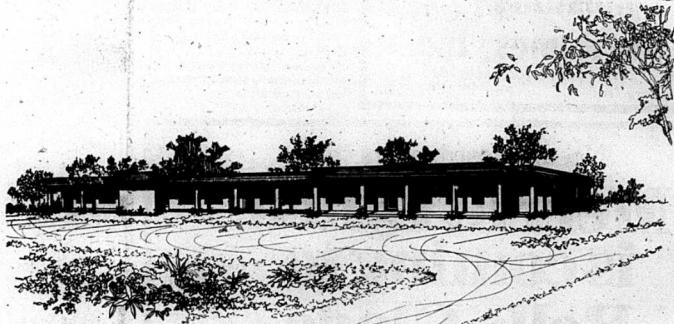
Lois Irene Carson, age 75, of 438 Cypress Avenue died Tuesday, September 5. A native of Anniston, Alabama, Mrs. Carson was a resident of Pahokee since 1964 after coming here from Miami. She was a member of the Everglades Presbyterian Church, Pahokee Chapter No. 184 Order of The Eastern Star, Alpha Delta Kappa and Phi Beta Kappa. Survivors include several cousins.

Services were held Friday, September 8, at 10 a.m. at the Wetherington Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David T. Evans officiating.

Services were also held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Anniston, Alabama, with interment at Edgemont Cemetery with Eastern Star graveside services.

Wetherington Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Man found guilty of fishing violation

A Cleveland man, Norman E. Padgett, charged with violating the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission laws received a guilty verdict Wednesday, September 6, from a six-member all-women jury.

Padgett was charged with trawling in a closed area on Lake Okechobee. This case was the first tried in the local court involving violations, effective this July 1, in the state Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission laws.

After the trial, County Judge Don T. Adams reserved ruling on two motions filed by defense attorney Michael Miller until this coming Wednesday, September 13. One motion requested a new trial be set for Padgett on the alleged charge. The other motion asked Judge Adams to issue a directed verdict of acquittal in the case, which would overturn the ruling of the jury.

The trial testimony from the state was based on evidence supplied by wildlife officers Sergeant E.W. Raulerson and David Gainey. Gainey testified that Padgett was trawling off Rita Island in a closed area. He was using equipment from his haul seine operation.

Recent charges in the Florida fishing laws are the placement of markers around the lake indicating the closed fishing area. These buoys have been placed one mile

offshore from emergent vegetation. Gainey continued by saying that while he was making the arrest, Joseph "Todd" Brown, Padgett's grandson, who was operating the lead boat while Padgett was working in a row boat being towed, told him the boat had been trawling close to the markers on the northern end of Rita Island. But, when Brown testified later, he remarked that he never got within 100 yards of the buoys.

Padgett, speaking on his behalf, said he told Brown not to operate the lead boat within the areas marked by the buoys. He continued by saying that he knew of the commercial operation fishing laws, especially since he helped to get the regulations revised as the president of the Organized Fishermen of Florida organization.

Defense attorney Miller claimed that Padgett, who had a trawling license, could not be accused of a violation since he was not operating the lead boat of the trawling project.

Miller continued by saying it was impossible for Gainey, who was a mile and a half away from Padgett's trawling operation when he spotted the boats, to know whether Padgett was trawling in the closed area. His closing statement was, "There is no direct evidence to convict this man."

KATHY KING, assistant District Attorney in Jackson County, Mississippi, spoke to Christian Day School's Florida Law class last Friday. Miss King is the first woman to hold that position in her state. Miss King told the class several things about criminal law and her career. Miss King is the sister of Gloria King, teacher of the Florida Law class, one of the first to be offered in this area.



Sizemore tells about new fighter plane

BELLE GLADE--Two times before, ex-Air Force fighter pilot Buddy Sizemore has updated local Rotarians on aircraft of the Armed Services and Tuesday, he showed a film and gave a talk on one of the newest planes.

The A-10, said Sizemore, is a slow, highly maneuverable jet capable of firing 16,000 rounds of bombs and rockets, including television "Smart" bombs, and is directly opposite of earlier designs.

The newer planes have all been designed for speed and power but the A-10 was constructed solely for close ground support of troops. Sizemore noted that when he flew in Vietnam, pilots experienced problems dropping ordinance in close support of the ground forces because of the speed at which their planes flew.

And because tanks and personnel

of the Warsaw Pact countries so badly outnumber NATO forces, the A-10 was designed to halt the threat by becoming a sort of flying artillery base.

The film Sizemore showed pictured A-10s in action, firing their extremely accurate 30mm Gatling guns and blowing tanks up with rockets and cluster bombs.

Several Rotarians are pilots or have been pilots in the Armed Services and Sizemore's presentations are always of interest to the club.

In other Rotary news, Claude Tindall was inducted into the organization, sponsored by Dale Sapp.

The meeting was held in the offices of the Glades Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative since the Civic Center was being used as a polling place.

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Williams says ball park needed

BELLE GLADE--Elmore Williams, who was recently honored by the City Commission for his efforts in pushing for construction of the Lakeshore Recreational Park softball field, served notice Monday night he is going to apply more pressure to have the Belle Glade Airport park completed.

Williams appeared before the commission Monday night to say he didn't believe it is right for a park to be built in the Southwest section of town without another park being built in the northwest section.

"It ain't right," he said, "to have a carload of white kids to come over to the Lakeshore field and find it full of black kids and be turned away. I know how I'd feel if a carload of black kids went over there and couldn't play in the white section of town."

"I went with the Blacks," Williams said, "and I'm going to ride hell out of you for the whites." Mayor Tom Altman said he isn't interested in building recreational facilities for black children or white children, but for children.

City Manager Robert R. Sanders said the city's first priorities for the Airport Park are to install culverts, build an access road and fence the area; then work on the park facilities can begin.

He said culvert has already been ordered and he expects the preliminary work to be completed by city forces in two to three months. Work on the park facilities can then begin, he said.

In other business, the commission: Approved a magazine format for the proposed city report, rather than a larger format which has been used in the last two reports.

Approved Oct. 27 for an auction of old city equipment.

Authorized John Baker to file a motion to show cause why William

"Happy" Johnson of 400 SW Ave. B should not be held in contempt of court for failure to clean up a junk yard on his premises as ordered some time back by a county judge.

Approved rezoning for two plots of land, one in Sugarland Heights Subdivision by Dr. Howard Hill from agriculture to residential to allow apartment buildings to be constructed, and another at 519 SW Third St. by Henry Miller to allow construction of a new mortuary.

Approved the purchase of two six-inch submersible pumps to be installed at Lift Station 13. The pumps will be purchased from the Ellis K. Phelps Co. for a total of \$5,202.

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Tom Altman

Belle Glade City Commissioner

Pahokee Lions membership drive opens

Local Lions are out to increase their numbers next month and plan to begin a membership drive soon, explained club President Paul Kornya at Tuesday's noon meeting.

The membership drive was one of a handful of projects discussed by Kornya and other Lions officials at a Lions Club zone meeting Monday night.

October is officially the Lions' membership drive month.

"If every member can bring a guest we can double the membership," Kornya said. "We can't do anything without numbers."

The Lions president proposed that the new members be installed at a ladies night/party installation banquet sometime in late October.

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F78-14	26.88	2.43
G78-14	27.88	2.60
H78-14	28.88	2.85
G78-15	29.88	2.51
H78-15	30.88	2.87
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15 x 7	5-6 or 8 Lugs	4 for \$100.00
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15 x 10	5-6 or 8 Lugs	4 for \$125.00
16.5 x 8	8 Lugs	4 for \$140.00
16.5 x 10	8 Lugs	4 for \$156.00

Keystone Sunspokes

14 x 6	4 or 5 Lugs	4 for \$180.00
15 x 6	5 Lugs	4 for \$190.00
15 x 7	5 Lugs	4 for \$195.00

Gangster Whitewall Polyester Full 4-Ply

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Flight regulations changed

HOMESTEAD AFB - F-4E "Phantom II" aircraft from the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing here will begin using improved low level flight routes to and from Avon Park Weapons Range north of Lake Okeechobee and to the Patricia Target, 29 miles west of Key West. The changed routes are the result of revised Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

The new routes provide an added measure of safety in that participating aircraft shall be provided an instrument clearance to fly the route in all weather conditions and receive air traffic separation from other participating and non-participating aircraft on instrument flight plans, air-traffic management officials here have announced.

The new routes overlie much of the previously established Visual Flight Rules (VFR) low altitude, high speed routes, designated IR. All TRs shall either be modified to IR standards and incorporated in the new route structure or discontinued prior to Jan. 1, 1979. Provisions are made in the new Military Training Route (MTR) structure for low level missions which cannot be accommodated in the Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) regime. These routes are designated VR.

The 31st Tactical Fighter Wing has established five IRs within which to accomplish the necessary low level aircrew training. The type training shall consist of strategic navigation (by both visual and radar means) and visual route reconnaissance. The route reconnaissance missions require the aircrew to identify and navigate along roads or other lines of communication while visually acquiring various potential "targets" along the route. The designations of the five routes established by the Homestead based fighter wing are IR-52, IR-53, IR-54, IR-55 and IR-56.

IR-52 is a straightline route, 60 nautical miles in length and entirely over water southeast of Homestead AFB. IR-53 and IR-54 both transit over water tracks parallel to the Florida Keys. IR-53 runs to Patricia Target (sunken barge) 29 miles west of Key West. IR-54 returns toward Homestead over the same area as IR-53.

IR-55 runs southbound from a point near Immokalee to the west of Flamingo. IR-56 runs north-

west for a free advisory circular, AC 21065 from the Department of Transportation, Publications Section, TAD 443.1, Washington, DC 20590. Information is also available from the 31st TFW, DOAM/Mid-Air Collision Prevention, Homestead AFB, FL 33039 (Area Code: 305-257-7752).

The main points for civilian aviators to remember are:

1. When planning a low altitude flight, check for the presence of these route and avoid them if possible.

2. If you must operate around or across a low altitude high speed

route, do so preferably above the charted altitude of the route and maintain a vigilant outside watch.

3. When flying in close proximity to these routes, contact the nearest flight service station for current information on military activities.

The new routes have been assessed for environmental impact.

bound over the same area as IR-55 and continues to the Avon Park ranges.

Additional information on these routes can be obtained from the Airman's Information Manual or

Business Profile

BELLE GLADE—Joel and Lynn Connell have made a nice addition to their restaurant "The Olde Dining Room". Recently there has been a cafeteria line put in for faster service. There are many delicious foods to choose from.

Mrs. Connell says, "It's a much faster process now. From a few minutes after they come in, they can eat. Things are working out really well and going much faster since the cafeteria line was put in. We still have sandwiches, too. And our steaks and chops and things. We have real good steaks."

"The Olde Dining Room" specializes in all home cooking. There are eight efficient employees, four in the kitchen and four on the dining room floor.

Breakfast is served from 5 a.m. until 11 a.m. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Connells have had the restaurant twice. It was formerly located on Main Street for three years. They moved to the current location in April of 1974.

Mrs. Connell has been in the restaurant business since she was 15 years old. She was employed by the Belle Glade High cafeteria for eight years. Six of the eight years she managed the kitchen. The reason for her leaving was to open "The Olde Dining Room".

"The Connells have been residents of Belle Glade since 1961. He is an employee of the Sugar Cane Growers Corporation. They have three children, Marsha, Doyle and Terry, who all graduated from

Belle Glade High. Call 996-5359 for fast take-out service.

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
SEALED BIDS for the furnishing of Two (2) 6" Totally Submersible, Electrically Operated Sewage Pumps for Lift Station No. 13 will be received by the City of Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, in Conference Room A of the City Hall in the Belle Glade Municipal Complex, 110 SW Avenue E, Belle Glade, Florida, until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 1978 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Specifications are on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for inspection, and copies thereof may be obtained upon application to said office. All bids must be accompanied by a certified statement indicating that the bid item meets or exceeds the City's specifications.

All bids shall be in sealed envelopes addressed to the City Manager, City of Belle Glade, City Hall, 110 SW Avenue E, Belle Glade, Florida 33430, and plainly marked on the outside:

BID NO. 26-78

Two (2) 6" Totally Submersible, Electrically Operated Sewage Pumps for Lift Station No. 13 - 9/78

The City Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informality, and to accept any bid or combination of bids which in its sole and absolute judgment will best serve the public interest.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE
JUNE H. BOGILLOLI
CITY CLERK

BGH 78-175
Aug. 31, Sept. 7, 1978

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held before the Planning and Zoning Board on Thursday, September 14, 1978, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall, 110

SW Avenue E, Belle Glade, Florida, and before the City Commission on Monday, September 11, 1978 at 8:00 P.M. in the City Hall, 110 SW Avenue E, Belle Glade, Florida, relative to a request for Amendment and Zoning of R-5, Business District, on the following described property:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Block Subdivision No. 3 in Palm Beach County, Florida, East Side, Page 26, Thence Southwesterly along the East line of said Subdivision for a distance of 457.14 feet to the point of beginning; Thence Southwesterly along a projection of the East line of said Subdivision for a distance of 671.30 feet; Thence Easterly for a distance of 100 feet along a line that is parallel to the South right-of-way line of State Road 78; Thence Northerly parallel to the East line of said Subdivision for a distance of 671.30 feet; Thence Southwesterly along a line parallel to the Southwesterly right-of-way line of State Road 80 to the point of beginning. (Subject to a perpetual easement over, in and upon the West 20 feet of said property for use as a street and utility easement).

Order Book, Henry Benjamin and Ramon Lora Benjamin - 437 feet South of State Road No. 80 or 200 feet South of the intersection of State Road 80 and South State Road No. 80

All persons owning or interested in property in the above described tract are hereby notified that they may appear and express their opinions relative to this Amendment and Zoning Request.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
Ramon Lora Benjamin
Secretary

CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION
JUNE H. BOGILLOLI
CITY CLERK
BGH 78-182
August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 1978

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
SEALED BIDS for the furnishing of one medium-sized Police Package Equipped Vehicle for Fire Department will be received by the City of Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, in Conference Room A of the City Hall in the Belle Glade Municipal Complex, 110 SW Avenue E, Belle Glade, Florida, until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 1978 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read.

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All bids shall be in sealed envelopes addressed to the City Manager, City of Belle Glade, City Hall, 110 SW Avenue E, Belle Glade, Florida 33430, and plainly marked on the outside:

BID NO. 27-78

One Medium Sized Police Package Equipped Vehicle - Fire Department - 9/78

The City Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informality, and to accept any bid or combination of bids which in its sole and absolute judgment will best serve the public interest.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE
JUNE H. BOGILLOLI
CITY CLERK

BGH 78-180
Sept. 14, 1978

PATROLMAN
Examinations for applicants for the position of PATROLMAN in the Police Department of the City of South Bay, Florida, will be held in the BELLE GLADE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, McDonald Park, at 7:30 P.M. on 9/27/78.

Applicants must be 21 years of age, a resident of the City of South Bay, Florida, with a minimum high school graduation from a standard high school; weight not less than 165 pounds; height not less than five feet, six inches.

CIVIL SERVICE RULES WILL APPLY.
CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
LOIS T. DAVIS
Secretary
BGH 78-181
Sept. 14, 21, 1978

CLERK-TYPIST
Examinations for applicants for the position of CLERK-TYPIST with the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will be held at the BELLE GLADE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, McDonald Park, at 7:30 P.M. on 9/27/78.

Applicants must be 21 years of age, a resident of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, with a minimum high school graduation from a standard high school; weight not less than 165 pounds; height not less than five feet, six inches.

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CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
LOIS T. DAVIS
Secretary
BGH 78-182
Sept. 14, 21, 1978

FIREMAN
Examinations for applicants for the position of FIREMAN with the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will be held at the BELLE GLADE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, McDonald Park, at 7:30 P.M. on 9/27/78.

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CIVIL SERVICE RULES WILL APPLY.
CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
LOIS T. DAVIS
Secretary
BGH 78-183
Sept. 14, 21, 1978

MATRON DISPATCHER
Examinations for applicants for the position of MATRON-DISPATCHER with the Police Department of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will be held at the BELLE GLADE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, McDonald Park, at 7:30 P.M. on 9/27/78.

Applicants must be 21 years of age, a resident of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, with a minimum high school graduation from a standard high school; weight not less than 165 pounds; height not less than five feet, six inches.

CIVIL SERVICE RULES WILL APPLY.
CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
LOIS T. DAVIS
Secretary
BGH 78-184
Sept. 14, 21, 1978

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Belle Glade City Commission will hold a Special Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed New Garbage Mobile Toter System on Thursday, September 21, 1978, at 8:00 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Hall.

All interested citizens are urged to attend.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE
JUNE H. BOGILLOLI
CITY CLERK

BGH 78-177
Sept. 7, 14, 1978

PATROLMAN
Examinations for applicants for the position of PATROLMAN in the Police Department of the City of South Bay, Florida, will be held in the SOUTH BAY CITY HALL, 335 SW 2nd St., at 7:30 P.M. on September 20, 1978.

Applicants must be 21 years of age, a resident of the City of South Bay, Florida, with a minimum high school graduation from a standard high school; weight not less than 165 pounds; height not less than five feet, six inches.

CIVIL SERVICE RULES WILL APPLY.
CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
VIRGINIA K. WALKER
City Clerk
BGH 78-178
Sept. 7, 14, 1978

LEGAL NOTICE
You are hereby notified that on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1978, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at the City Hall, Okechobee, Florida, the City Council of the City of Pahokee will consider proposed Ordinance No. 78-15, for second and final reading and adoption, the title of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A 1978 ANNUAL TAX FOR GENERAL AND MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL NON-EXEMPT REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, AND DIRECTING PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR TO DO ANY AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO LEVY, ASSESS AND COLLECT THE SAID TAX IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OF THIS CITY AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

Copy of each proposed Ordinance has been filed with the City Clerk at the City Hall in Pahokee, Florida for inspection by the public.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the above proposed Ordinance.

Please give your yourselves accordingly.

CITY OF PAHOKEE
JOSEPH P. FLORES
CITY CLERK

BG 78-45
Sept. 14, 1978

SEABOARD COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY
NO. AB-85 (Sub No. 23-P)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ABANDON A LINE OF RAILROAD
Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, is hereby giving notice that it is considering the abandonment of a portion of a line of railroad known as the Ocala Branch, which is located in Palm Beach County, Florida. The line for which the abandonment application will be filed includes the section and address of the Ocala Branch, which is located at Railroad Milepost AVF-978.14 and is served by a Motor Coach with headquarters at Ocala, Florida.

The reason for the proposed abandonment is to eliminate an unprofitable line, and to relieve the burden of the maintenance of that line. Additionally, abandonment will enable SCL to use rail and other related facilities which will be released, otherwise.

This line of railroad has appeared on the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company's 1977-78 map as Ocala Branch, which is located at Railroad Milepost 1131.30 (Milepost) since April 29, 1977, as segment 1-72/1.

The proposed abandonment of this line will not affect, however, SCL's obligation to protection by the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company, which is located in Palm Beach County, Florida, 354 ECL 585 (1978).

Any interested person, in response to this notice, is entitled to take either of the following:

1. File with the Interstate Commerce Commission written comments containing:

(a) Exact name and address of the commenting party;

(b) Brief statement of interest in the abandonment proceeding;

(c) Specific statement of position and summary of evidence with regard to any or all of the items mentioned above;

(d) In support of financial assistance;

(e) Environmental impact;

(f) Impact on rural and community development.

(g) Suitability of the properties for other public purposes; and

(h) Any other information or provisions for protection of the interests of employees.

Written comments will be considered by the Commission in determining whether to develop conditions and in determining whether to conduct an investigation on the proposed abandonment. If a public hearing is conducted, then the commenting party may participate in the proceeding as its representative.

2. File with the Interstate Commerce Commission a petition requesting that the application and proposed abandonment be investigated.

The petition to investigate shall be in the form of a verified statement, and at minimum shall contain:

(a) Identification of petitioner, including its name, address and business;

(b) Statement of the petitioner's interest in the abandonment proceeding; whether the petitioner uses the involved service; and if the petitioner is a public utility, whether the group or public interest is represented;

(c) Specific request for requesting the investigation; and

(d) Statement of facts supporting the petitioner's position with respect to the proposed abandonment.

(e) Any rebuttal of information or material submitted by applicant; and

(f) Reason for oral hearing and reason therefor, if desired.

Upon receipt of a petition to investigate, the Commission shall determine the extent of the investigation to be instituted. Those parties filing petitions to investigate should be prepared to participate actively in either oral hearings or via the submission of additional material in the form of verified statements.

Petitions to investigate and written comments should indicate the proceeding designation NO. AB-85 (Sub No. 23-P), and should be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, no later than November 3, 1978. Interested persons may file either a written comment or a petition to investigate with the Commission to become a party to this abandonment proceeding. A copy of each petition to investigate and written comments shall be served upon the representative of the application (Neil W. McArthur, Jr., Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202). Replies to comments or petitions, the latter shall be in the form of a verified statement, shall be filed with the Commission no later than November 13, 1978, and shall be served on all commenting parties and petitioners. The original and two copies of all petitions, comments and replies shall be filed with the Commission together with a certificate of service.

In the event a petition to investigate prepared in accordance with the above instructions is filed, then the Commission will conduct an investigation of the abandonment. Written comments filed with the Commission will be considered by the Commission in all proceedings in developing conditions and in determining whether to conduct an investigation on the proposed abandonment. If a public hearing is conducted, then the commenting party may participate in the proceeding as its representative.

Persons desiring further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Interstate Commerce Commission's Section of Rail Service Planning Office. The carrier's representative to whom inquiries may be made is:

Neil W. McArthur, Jr., Esquire
Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company
500 Water Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection on or after September 20, 1978, at the Seaboard Coast Line Freight Agency at Ocala, Florida, 500 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday; and at the Public Office at Ocala, Florida, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

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Flood losses could be heavy for municipal marina

BELLE GLADE-A still-rising level of Lake Okechobee could drown hopes for chances the city's ability to continue making money on the one recreational facility, the marina campground, which earns a profit.

An estimate, reported to the commission more than two weeks ago, that the city could lose up to \$40,000 a year in camping lot rentals was termed conservative this week as the level rose to 16.59 feet

Wednesday morning. Stan Whitlock, manager of the campground, said the rising water has covered or made uninhabitable 121 of the campsites and has covered the road leading to others and the commission is considering using Scout Island to develop an extra 40 sites rather than allowing scouts to continue using the area free of charge.

The drowned sites reduced the total number of available camping spaces to 149 and Mayor Tom

Altman explained in a letter to Glades District Scout Commissioner Patrick Leary the rising level has created a crisis at the marina and steps will have to be taken to alleviate the situation as such as possible.

"The vast majority of our winter campers have been repeat customers for years," Altman said in the letter. As it stands now, with half of our campsites inaccessible, many of these people would be turned away this winter, forcing them to find another campground for their vacations.

"There is an extremely good chance," he went on, "that once they relocate for one season that they will never return to the Belle Glade Marina on a regular basis. If this were to happen, it would be a severe blow to the funding resources of our entire recreation fund."

He said that by using Scout Island for campsites, the commission hopes to minimize the impact of the flooding.

City Manager Robert R. Sanders said another attempt to minimize the high water is being made by Gold Coast Paving, which is attempting to raise the level of the road to the higher campground area and raise the level of the boat ramp nearest the recreation center's entrance.

Both the boat ramps are also out of commission now because of the flooding.

Efforts by the construction company, being done at the request of the South Florida Water Management District, are being hampered by the weather. Loads of rock which have been hauled to the marina have been left laying because daily rains have prevented their being spread.

Until several dry days have gone by, the rock is unmanageable and the work has come to a halt.

Whitlock said he has already seen a decrease in the number of campers and predicts that the shortage will become more critical as the normal camping season is entered.

Besides the loss of revenue during the upcoming season, which is usually figured to be from November through March, Whitlock said there is a possibility of an additional loss because when some of the campers can't find a space, some of their friends who have found spaces may leave to join them in campgrounds where they can find room.

When the city entered into an agreement with the Water

Management District to deed the marina over to the WMD, the recreational facility would be enlarged with no interruption in the operation of the existing facility.

The work has been going on for some time in the new portion of the campground but isn't expected to be completed for another two years. In the meantime, City Manager Robert Sanders said he has been assured by WMD Director John Maloy that the WMD will reimburse the city for any losses of revenue.

The city earned a total of \$139,069 over the past 12 months and Finance Director Frank An-

derson said it is the only profit-making program in the city's recreational department. Anderson said every other program in the department either costs the city money or does no better than break even.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers told city officials several weeks ago the Corps now has a temporary permit to raise the lake level to 16.5 feet above mean sea level, although another permit could come through from Atlanta to raise it to 17.5 feet.

The level is scheduled to be dropped to 15.5 feet by the first of next June according to the current schedule.

Arrest made in stabbing

BELLE GLADE-A local man was arrested Tuesday morning a little more than nine hours after the stabbing death of an asthma victim who was sleeping on his porch. John Frank Owens, 50, of 224 SW Sixth St. was stabbed 11 times according to Belle Glade Police Lt. Michael Miller. Miller said Owens was stabbed seven times in the back, three more in the front and

another time in a leg.

Miller said he and Detective Jerry Fortney arrested Albert Salter, 23, of 513 SW Fifth St., Apt. 6 on a first degree murder charge at 8:45 a.m. The stabbing took place at midnight.

Miller said the slaying was possibly a robbery attempt. He said there was a small amount of change on the ground where the victim had been sleeping on his porch. Miller said Owens' wallet was found in his front pocket however. He said the victim suffered from asthma and frequently slept on his porch.

Arson charged

BELLE GLADE-An Okeechobee Center man was arrested Wednesday morning for first degree arson after he allegedly set fire to the door of another man's apartment following an argument.

Police Lt. Michael Miller said Willie B. Rhames, 19, of 50 Roosevelt St. was arrested in connection with the fire at 416 SW B Place, Apt. 8 at 1:45 a.m. Wednesday. The room was occupied at the time by the resident, Johnnie Scott.

Miller said Scott said he had gotten into an argument earlier with Rhames and had walked away to avoid a fight.

One man dead

SOUTH BAY-A Sebring man was killed Monday when his car struck a tractor trailer rig about three miles south of here on US 27, overturned and straddled the guard rail on the side of the road.

The dead man was identified by Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Richard Cheek as Elmer Vernon Black.

The truck driver, Milton W. Salvatore, 49, of 1021 Gardens Place in Pahokee wasn't injured.

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Election

candidates stop using them because he feels they constitute an eyesore.

Simmons opened his campaign on a platform the city needs a businessman on the commission

and he's the most qualified businessman either running for office or in office.

He opened his campaign with a volley of shots at Altman and the other incumbent commissioners, saying he was against a recently passed 35 per cent water and sewer rate hike, he opposed an experimental garbage collection system which includes curbside pickup and he would, if elected, table a proposed zoning ordinance which is the result of two years work by a committee and city staff members.

Although the Group Two race had a closer finish than the Group One contest, few specific issues came up during the campaign.

Farmer, a commissioner for 14 years before being defeated last year in a re-election bid against Commissioner Claude Tindall, agreed with Simmons in opposing the proposed garbage collection system and the water and sewer rate hike.

Kirk said he was running on his record and said Tuesday night he was, "just thankful for the support the people gave me. It was a tough race and I'm proud to win it like I did."

The City of South Bay

has set the tax millage for 1978-1979 at 9.595 mills the same as last year. This is a 2% increase over the certified millage.

A Public Hearing on this millage & 1978-1979 Budget will be held Tuesday, September 19, 1978 8:15 p.m. — City Hall

Service Directory

THE COUNTERS were checked out before the tally began by City Clerk June Boglioli and Assistant Finance Director Carey Wall but Wall's counter broke down after only 46 ballots were counted.

Hearing

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soliciting input, the commissioners decided not to charge anything at all for the copies of the proposed ordinances.

The zoning hearings will be held Sept. 20 and 26 and will also get underway at 1 p.m. in the city hall. Retterer will preside over the hearing tonight and Sanders will preside over the zoning hearings.

As an advance notice, Retterer said the agenda of the subdivision and development hearing tonight will include: definitions, statutes adopted, variances authorized and their grounds, applications for variances, the sale of lots in unapproved, unrecorded subdivisions being prohibited, the minimum width and square footage of lots, the maximum block length, easements for pedestrian traffic.

requirements for instruments conveying public areas, violations and penalties, fees, planned unit development and park and recreation sites.

Under procedures and requirements, there will be sketch plans, preliminary plans and final plans and plat requirements discussed.

Exemptions and variances discussion will include the submission of exemptions and variances, requirements for exemptions and variances and the procedures.

Other subjects to be discussed during the meeting will be subdividing to give security for improvement installation, improvements required and minimum requirements for streets.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR, Jack Burklew, was the guest speaker at the local Rotary club last Thursday afternoon. Pictured is Group III representative for Rotary, Campbell Nall; District Governor for Rotary

District 699, Jack Burklew; president of the Pahokee Rotary Club, Ronnie Graydon; and Doug Clark, who received a "past president's pin" during the dinner meeting. Staff Photo

Rotarians hear district governor

PAHOKEE—The District Governor for Rotary District 699 was the guest speaker at the Pahokee Rotary club dinner meeting held at

the Pahokee Elks Lodge last Thursday, September 7. Governor Jack Burklew was

warmly welcomed by President Ronnie Graydon before the luncheon began. Later, Burklew spoke the importance of dedication to Rotary. He stressed that Rotarians should be dedicated and involved in any tasks or projects undertaken by the club or fellow Rotarian. He also said, "I challenge each member here today to become more involved and take part in Rotarian functions."

Burklew was born in St. Petersburg, and graduated from the University of Florida and Boston College of Law. He and his wife have ten children.

Near the end of the meeting, Doug Clark was awarded a "past president's pin," by Burklew. Burklew stated, "This is one of the highest honors any Rotarian could receive."

College and Career Day set for PBJC Sept '27

College and Career DAY will be held at Palm Beach Junior College gymnasium in Lake Worth on Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Scheduled are career guidance exhibits and representatives from local business, industry and professional groups, all of the branches of the armed forces, over 40 colleges, North and South Technical Educa-

tion Centers and Adult and Community Education.

The Guidance Department of Pahokee Junior and Senior High School urges all parents of juniors and seniors to encourage their children to attend the event.

Transportation will not be provided, but students will be excused from classes provided the school receives written permission from parents no later than 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 22.

Parenthood office opens

BELLE GLADE—The Glades branch office of Planned Parenthood will open Monday, September 28, in Belle Glade, according to an announcement this week from Judy Oakley, branch manager.

The new office is located at 9 W.

Avenue A above Glades Gas and is shared with the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Ms. Oakley noted the office will handle counseling, education and informational services only and will refer all medical aid to the West

Palm Beach office.

"Our aim is to cut down on the increasing illegitimate birth rate through education and information," she said. "By doing this, we hope it will also cut down on the number of abortions being performed in this county."

Ms. Oakley is also available for lectures and asked anyone who wishes to hear her program to call her after the 28th.



MS. JUDY OAKLEY

South Bay approves tentative pay raises

SOUTH BAY—Meeting in a short workshop session Monday night, the South Bay City Commissioners tentatively approved pay raises for city employees.

If the proposal is adopted in the next regular meeting, most department heads would receive an additional \$25 weekly and most employees would get \$10.

The cost of the city, according to financial consultant Don Dillard, would be around \$16,900.

The exceptions to the proposal would be the police chief, fire chief, and two employees. One policeman would receive a \$30 raise because he recently completed police training school and city mechanic would be raised to \$5 per hour, or an

increase of \$20 per week.

The police chief would be given the same salary the chief was making last year plus \$25 and the fire chief would receive a \$10 per week raise.

In addition to this, Mayor Billy Wells ordered each department head to come up with a five-part salary schedule for each position in the city by the second meeting in November.

The five parts will include beginning salary, then continue through veteran employees.

The salary proposal was made by Commissioner Ray Sullivan.

At the present time, there are 28 city employees, not counting CETA workers.

Lions return to school board meeting

BELLE GLADE—At their regular meeting Wednesday, members of the Belle Glade Lions Club were asked by Lion Bert Ward and Lions Club President Bill Schoenfeld to attend the next meeting of the Palm Beach County School Board.

The meeting is to be held next Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Northshore High School in West Palm Beach at 7 p.m.

All interested residents are asked

to attend the meeting along with the Lions Club delegation. They are going, primarily to see if the information they previously requested will be given to them. This information involves grade levels and test scores of public school students.

Superintendent Thomas Mills indicated at a previous meeting that the information would be presented next Wednesday at the School Board meeting.

GCHS plans different kind of open house

BELLE GLADE—The first of several open house programs, with a different twist, being planned for the Glades Central High School year will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the school gym.

The program will be preceded at 7:30 p.m. by a 30 minute musical interlude, according to publicity chairperson Lisa Walker, and the difference between this open house and the more typical programs is that speakers will be on hand to talk about pertinent subjects.

In this program, for instance, staff members of the guidance department will explain the testing program. Hugh Brady, the new assistant principal, will list the course offerings at 8:15 p.m. and Norman Shearin, the other assistant principal, will speak at 8:25 on special classes.

At 8:30, there will be a parent-teacher hour when the parents will have the opportunity to meet their children's teachers. The public is invited to attend.

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THE 1978-79 FOOTBALL lettermen for Glades Central High School. Bottom row: left to right: Joe Beckford, Randy Burden, Willie Williams, David James, Ricky Taylor, Terry Hammond, Willie Gibson, Freddie Garrett. On the top row is

Archie Godfrey, Alonzo Butts, Jeff Henderson, Michael Russell, Charles Miller, Michael Collier, Reginald Arnett, and coach Ben McCoy.

Gators prove they will be contenders

BELLE GLADE—The Glades Day Gators proved they will be a power to contend with in their district when they downed Bishop Verot 7-0 Friday night.

Verot is a AA school and the Gators are classed A but that didn't stop the hometown fans from watching their team amass 276 yards to Verot's 72.

And the score could have been a lot worse for Verot if it had not been for four key Gator turnovers.

In the first quarter, the Gators

the 17, then Steve Richie found running room and delivered a touchdown. Mark Foster tackled on the extra point and the Gators were suddenly ahead 7-0.

But Verot almost evened the score on the kickoff. Foster lined it downfield, but the Verot runner scampered even with the 50, found clear sailing, but was intercepted by Foster in a last-ditch effort.

The visitors drove to the 35 before stalling because of a Basil Markham interception, his first of

Pahokee loses to Suncoast 14-10

RIVIERA BEACH—The Pahokee Blue Devils opened their 1978 season with a tense clash with the Suncoast Chargers which resulted in a 14-10 defeat for the Pahokee team.

Pahokee was plagued with some costly errors during the game. The first was a fumble on the second play of the game which led the Chargers' first score six plays later.

That score came on a 17-yard pass from Suncoast's James Johnson to receiver James Davis. A pass to Suncoast's Kevin Start from Johnson pushed the Charger's midquarter advantage to 8-0.

Pahokee's offense retaliated with an eight point score of its own following Suncoast's return kick. A 4-yard touchdown run by Ronnie Osborn, followed by his own 2-point conversion, evened the score at 8-8 by the end of the first quarter.

The Blue Devils carried the ball

58 yards on that drive, and passed three times for 61 yards.

Suncoast's second score came on the second play of the second quarter when Ricardo Griffin ran in from the 3-yard-line.

Pahokee forced the Chargers to play a defensive game most of the second half, and capitalized on a Suncoast error midway in the fourth quarter.

In that score, Chargers punter Griffin stepped out of the end of the end zone to give the Blue Devils a 2-point safety.

In the final minutes of the game, the Blue Devils tried three times to score from the Charger 1-yard-line, and each time was held back by the Chargers.

After the third attempt the Blue Devils called a time out, but found they had used all of their allotted timeouts. The seconds then ticked away before the Pahokee team could regroup for a fourth chance, leaving the Blue Devils with a 14-

10 loss to the Chargers.

Pahokee head coach Antoine Russell argued at length with the referees following final buzzer, saying that the Blue Devils had scored twice during the goal line stand.

"I don't usually complain about officiating, but tonight I feel my

boys were cheated out of a victory," he said.

Russell said the loss will no doubt motivate his team for next week's game against the Clewiston Tigers. That game will be played in Clewiston beginning at 8 p.m.

Christian Day Schedule

Sept. 22 Westminster Junior Varsity

Sept. 30 Broward Christian

Oct. 5 John Carroll Junior Varsity

Oct. 13 Canterbury

Oct. 21 Ft. Lauderdale Christian

Oct. 26 Glades Day School Junior Varsity

Nov. 4 Broward Christian

Nov. 9 King's Academy Junior Varsity

All home games will be played at the St. Peter's Lutheran School field.

Home 4:00 p.m.

Away 8:00 p.m.

Home 3:30 p.m.

Away 8:00 p.m.

Away 4:00 p.m.

Away 7:30 p.m.

Home 3:00 p.m.

Home 3:30 p.m.

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received and shortly afterwards punted to Verot, which put together a drive down to the Glades Day 15 before being halted on downs.

The Gators took over and put together a drive of their own which stopped on the Verot 40 with a holding penalty. Verot's first drive was greatly helped by a pass interference call.

In the second quarter, the Gators got close twice, once inside the Verot 20 and a second time to the Verot 25, before being stopped. Each time, it was a fumble that prevented them from scoring.

That problem dried up in the third quarter, but not before one more Gator drive was stalled because of a fumble at the Verot 25.

Jason Shelton was forced to punt for the Gators but the receiver missed the ball and Jon Scruggs recovered on the Verot 25.

The next play was good down to

two for the evening.

Winston Byrd picked up most of his 71 yards during the next series, running straight up the middle, but a fumbled snap on the Verot 20 ended the Gator threat.

Verot took over and were moving down field when Markham ended their hopes for good with his second interception.

"I was pleased and disappointed at the same time," said Coach Byron Walker about the game. "I was pleased with the results but concerned with the turnovers."

Walker noted that a first quarter cracked collarbone suffered by running back Quisque Echave forced Jason Shelton into the game earlier than he anticipated, which resulted in two of the turnovers.

Likewise, Echave's place at safety was taken over by Greg Chaney, who went in with little prior experience and "did a heck of a job."

"Greg is the kind of guy who knows he won't be playing much, but comes to the practices and works hard thinking he might be needed. He was and he did a great job."

Offensively, the Gators passing attack faltered with six tries for one interception and no completions. But then again, they didn't really need to pass.

Defensively, "it took a quarter to get going," but the defense held when it had to and provided that one key, needed turnover.

"I was pleased that the only break we had in the game, we took advantage of," said Walker.

The defense, as a whole, played an excellent game, said the head coach.

This Friday, the Gators go on the road against Kings Academy in a duel that could well determine the district championship.

"It's a do or die situation for us," said Walker, who also believes the key to stopping Kings is to stop their celebrated running back Jim Pluff.

"I expect them to come at us with a passing attack and I have the feeling they believe they'll have to do us in to get the district," he said.

Kings is a little larger and Walker believes the Gators will have to put the ball in the end zone with a much opportunity.

"Our defense is capable of controlling the game," said Walker, "but it will be up to the offense to put the score on the board."



NATHANIEL HANNAH received a double dose of agony last Friday night when Pahokee met Suncoast and lost 10-14. Due to an ankle injury Hannah was unable to play during the fourth quarter of the game. Staff Photo



THE OFFENSE for Christian Day School's football team this year includes (kneeling, left to right) Stewart Hatton, Tony Duboy, Jesus Armas, Arnold Quesada, Scott Smalley, Manuel Santiago, (2nd row) Bill Evans, Curtis Groves, Kent Davis, Alex

Hermida, Bill Bailey, Steve Woods. The team will be coached by Alan Cofer (far left) and Athletic Director Ken Lassiter (far right). Christian Day's first game will be played September 22 at the St. Peter's Lutheran School field.



THE DEFENSIVE team for Christian Day School includes (first row, left to right) James Barnwell, Alex Morales, Scotty McCroan, Bill Hancock, Ricky McCroan, Ben-

ny Rosario, Jody Canales, Andy Fontaine; (second row from left) Maxson Sims, Jose Martinez, Gene Bair, Jose Barrios, Rocky Hart, Todd Hatton, and Bill Taylor.

Open house on hurricane set

BELLE GLADE—An open house to commemorate the 1928 hurricane, which killed 2,000 people in the Glades area, will be sponsored Sunday at the Lawrence E. Will

Museum by the Glades Historical Society. The museum, a part of the Municipal Library at 530 South Main St., will be open

from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend and view the varied exhibits,

especially those taken from the time of the disaster. Refreshments will be served.



PALM BEACH JAI ALAI opened last week with record crowds: and Glades residents are being invited to attend evening performances Monday through Saturday beginning at 6:00 p.m. or the matinees Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The fronton is located on 45th St. in West Palm. For reservations call 844-2444.

It's Punt, Pass and Kick time

BELLE GLADE—The 1978 football season is underway again, providing another chance for local youngsters to wind up on national television, if they can beat out the competition, in the Punt, Pass & Kick finals Jan. 7 during the NFC Championship game.

The competition is annually sponsored locally by Watson Ford for kids aged 8 through 13 in the field across Avenue L from the Ford dealership. Used car Sales Manager Bill Rongione is sponsoring the competition this year.

Registration for the competition is going on from now through Sept. 29, at Watson Ford, where registration forms can be filled out by any eligible youngster who comes in with his or her parent or guardian. Entrants can also pick up a free PP&K Tips Book, where advice for improving performance can be found.

The competition involves three events, with competitors getting one chance each at a punt, a place kick and a pass. Winners are chosen on the basis of an aggregate total distance of their punts, passes and kicks, minus how far off they are from a target stretched out on the field.

Competition is in six age categories so entrants will be trying out against kids of their own ages.

Rongione said on difference this year is that he intends to hold practice clinics at the field Sept. 23 and 30. This, he said, will give the competitors a chance to practice and receive coaching.

Competition will begin at 10 a.m. Oct. 7 in the same location across the street from the dealership. There will be six levels of competition, local, zone, district, area, division and national. More than 1 million youngsters across the nation are expected to take part in this year's program.

Library News

By Phyllis Lilley
Library Director

BELLE GLADE—On September 18, the Belle Glade Municipal Library will be returning to its "regular" hours.

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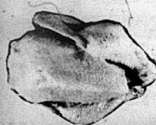
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Broil Steaks ... Lb **\$1.89**

U.S. Heavy Western All Meat
Stewing Beef ... Lb **\$1.49**

U.S. Heavy Western Fresh Ground
Chuck ... Lb **\$1.39**

FROZEN FOODS

Minute Maid Orange Juice ... 12 oz. can. **79¢**

Big Valley Sliced Peaches ... 20 oz. bag **89¢**

Pet Ritz Cobblers ... 26 oz. pkg. **99¢**

Pet Ritz - 2 per pkg **99¢**

Pie Shells **49¢**

DAIRY

Parkay Oleo ... Lb **49¢**

Shurfresh Sliced American Singles ... 12 oz. pkg. **99¢**

Kraft Medium Age Cheddar Cheese ... 12 oz. pkg. **\$1.39**

PRODUCE

U.S. No. 1 White Potatoes ... 10 lb. **99¢**

California Nectarines Lb. **39¢**

Red Delicious Apples ... 16 lb. bag **89¢**

California Tokay Red Grapes ... Lb **59¢**

Carolina Sweet Potatoes Lb **25¢**

Joan of Arc Pork & Beans ... 2 31 oz. cans **\$1.00**

Del Monte Small Sweet Peas ... 2 17 oz. cans **89¢**

Armour's Potted Meat ... 3 5 1/2 oz. cans **\$1.00**

Hunts Sliced Peaches ... 29 oz. can **59¢**

Ken-L Ration Tender Chunks Dog Food ... 26 lb. Bag **\$5.99**

Pam Spray Coating ... 9 oz. can **99¢**

Martha White Corn Muffin Mix ... 5 7 1/2 oz. box **\$1.00**

McArthur Natural Ice Cream ... 1/2 gal. **\$1.39**

Keebler Town House Crackers ... 12 oz. box **79¢**

Green Giant Niblet Corn ... 3 12 oz. can **\$1.00**

Sara Lee Pound Cake **99¢**

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Schwepes Drinks **99¢** 8-16oz. Ref. Btls.

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Green Giant Sweet Peas ... 3 16 oz. can **\$1.00**

U.S. Choice Heavy Western Boned & Rolled **Chuck Roast** **\$1.39** Lb.

Cooking Good **Whole Fryers** **59¢** Lb.

U.S. Lean Western First Cut **Pork Chops** ... Lb **\$1.19**

U.S. Lean Western Fresh Pork **Picnic Roast** ... Lb **99¢**

Palm River **Sliced Bacon** ... Lb **\$1.19**

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PAHOKEE — CBS Home, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, air conditioned, family room. **\$38,000**
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CANAL POINT — New CBS, 2 large bedrooms, 1 bath, Central air, carpeted. **\$43,000**
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CUSTOM BUILT 3 bedroom 2 bath, central air, beautifully arranged and under tree-shaded lot, room for home, 2-plus acres. **\$56,500**

NICE Family Home, 4 BR 2 bath, air, carpeting & family room. **\$32,000**

CONVENIENT location is this 3 BR 1 bath, air conditioned. **\$27,500**
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CBS HOME — 3 bedroom, 1 bath, carpet, air conditioner, dishwasher, range. **\$39,500**
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Beautiful custom built 3 bedroom 2 bath with central air, family room, fireplace, dishwasher and carpet in excellent condition. **\$65,000**

Very Nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath CBS with family room, air conditioned, carpet throughout and on quiet dead end street. **\$37,500**

Pahokee — Ridge Property with lake behind this 3 bedroom 2 bath home. **\$40,000**

SOMETHING NEW — Three bedrooms 2 bath custom built CBS in new location, central air conditioning, family room, floor garage. **\$58,000**

CUSTOM BUILT 2 bedroom 1 bath, large formal living and dining rooms. Air conditioned and carpet. Call Glenda evenings 996-7002. **\$32,000**

LOTS OF APPEAL in this CBS home with 2 bedrooms, air conditioned, carpet & hardwood floors, new kitchen cabinets, range and washing machine, extra nice screened patio and 12x20 garage. **\$37,000**
Call Mary K. 996-9477

HOUSE FOR SALE:
Pahokee, \$200 down, no closing cost. \$241 monthly includes taxes and insurance. Newly remodeled, 3br, 1b, yard will be fenced and range and refrigerator will be put in at closing. 401 N. Coconut Rd. Vacant-take a peek. Price \$20,000, 9 1/2% interest & 30 yrs. Call Jack Fournier, Broker, P.O. Leanderdale collect, evenings 491-1914, days 564-4304. National Realty Sales Co., Broker. bgh 9/21c

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Very nice CBS home with 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, den & enclosed garage. Good carpet & drops throughout. Large, separate storage bldg. & screened room w/ 150 sq. ft. lot. Located on 150 x 150 corner lot in Palmetto. Have been asking \$45,000. But not now and owner of 777 will be given careful consideration.

4 BR, 1 1/2 Bath CBS, central A/H — N.E. Location. **\$35,000**

Residential Apartments: 1 — 3 bedroom & 2 — 2 bedroom. All rented — owner will consider 2nd mtg. with 7,000 down. **\$75,000**

Duplex A/U, steel with brick exterior. Live in spacious 3 BR apt. & 2nd apt. A/H, 2 BR, apt. rented for \$280 to help with payments. **\$35,000**

S.W. 5th St. — CBS, 3-story bldg. containing 20 rental rooms, with ground floor rented for business purposes. Good potential! **\$78,000**

1 1/2 acres — corner location with 190 ft. fronting on SE 71st, older, 2-story frame apt. bldg. located on back part of property. Lots of potential! **\$69,000**

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Lakeview of Secon Pk Rd. 1600 sq. ft. of living area in this 3 BR 2 1/2 nice frame home. Detached 2nd carport & workshop. **\$46,500**

Pahokee — 3 BR 2 1/2 brick with central A/H, home & garage driveway & 2nd carport. Only 2 yrs. old. **\$55,000**

NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAINS

Beautiful, real good access, large trees cover this lot. Good building sites, plenty of water. \$1,000.00 down secures the lot.

MOUNTAIN CABIN 3 bedroom, large deck overlooks lake fireplace, central heat, large deck overlooks lake. In completely furnished. \$25,000.00, \$12,000.00 down secures lot.

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Furniture Store owner retired. Needs to sell large building over 4,000 sq. ft. plus corner lot. SW section. Ideal for lumber and hardware store.

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Plush 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Nice lot. South Bay. Call for details.

New listing, SE section near Canal Street South. Frame, good condition. **\$25,000** will move fast at this low price. Call for appointment.

Indian Mound Section. Large custom built home dead end lot. Every extra in house 3 car garage, central air. This is the home for every luxury.

2 bedroom, 1 bath, Large lot, South Bay. Call for details.

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Nice 100x126 R-1 building lot in comfortable location. Some terms to qualified buyer. **\$9,000**

3 bedroom 2 bath CBS with family room and central air. Partial chain link fencing. Some sprucing up needed but space at a price! **\$38,000**

4 bedroom 2 bath CBS with large family room, central air and heat, dishwasher, and drapes. **\$45,000**

Neat 3 bedroom 1 bath CBS with electric heat and 1 air conditioner. Super kitchen cabinets, carpet and utility room only. **\$29,500**

Super 2 bedroom, 1 bath US Steel in top location. Central air, of course, and neat as can be. **\$42,500**

Well located 2 bedroom, 1 bath CBS with double car port and garage. Nice lot with large trees and on a low traffic street. Owner is ready to deal and will consider offers. **\$39,900**

Super clean 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath CBS in good South Bay location. Central heat, 2 air conditioners, and carport. **\$43,000**

Plush interior highlights this 3 bedroom 2 bath CBS. Lovely remodeled kitchen, 4 air conditioners, fully carpeted, and a carport. **\$46,000**

Super space for the large family. This 3 bedroom 2 bath CBS 4 years old with 4 living space, central air, 3 bedrooms, family room, carpeting, double carport and more. Soliciting offers at **\$47,500**

Almost new Kingsberry with all the most wanted features: central air, family room, 3 bedroom 1 1/2 baths, carpeting, range, refrigerator, and dishwasher. Awaiting your inspection. **\$39,900**

How about a 4 bedroom 2 bath CBS 4 years old with central air and heat. Would you also believe **\$38,000**

Super improved 3 or 3 bedroom CBS with central air and heat. Fantastic kitchen with new appliances and 2 car garage with apartment above — Please call in.

FUEL TANKS for sale. 300 to 8000 gallons. Call 996-2752. bgh tfc

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FOR SALE: 2 stallions, 3 yrs. old, unbroken. Call 924-7171. bgh 9/21p

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Miscellaneous For Sale

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Real Estate For Sale

FOR SALE: 2br, 1b, frame home on 100x100 fenced lot. Drapes included. Partially furnished. \$24,000. Call 996-3121 or 996-4021. bgh tfc

FOR SALE: 2br, 1b CBS home. Wall to wall carpet, custom drapes, dishwasher, refrigerator, range, garbage compactor, central A/H, large family room, living room, dining room, fireplace, utility room, living room, central A/H, carport and garage. Fence & extra lot in rear. Also 3br frame house. By appt. 996-3038 after 6:30. bgh tfc

FOR SALE: Grocery store with 4th apartment on one acre of land. Two miles from Pahokee on 441. Phone 924-2709. eo 9/14c

FOR SALE: CBS home, 2br, 1b, large Florida room, carport. Call Ben & Jan 996-1564 or 996-3954. bgh 9/21n

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2br, 1b, CBS, Wall to wall carpet, Electric fully equipped including dishwasher, large family room, central A/H. Call 996-4917. bgh 9/21n

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Miscellaneous For Sale

FOR SALE: 1975 mobile home, 12x26, three bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, drastically reduced. Call 996-7100 bgh 9/22n

FOR SALE: Utility trailer, 6x8 feet, fair condition. Call 996-9813. bgh 9/14n

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FOR SALE: Baldwin Acrosonic Piano. Spinet type. Beautiful walnut finish. Owner moving, must sell. Phone 996-6946. bgh 9/14n

FOR SALE: Ridgeway Grandfather Clock, \$475; Snapper 8 hp riding lawn mower, 4 months old, \$500; queen size bedroom set, \$400; complete Bell and Howell movie outfit, \$200; portable TV, \$40; portable TV, \$30; roller, \$50; sewing machine, \$25; 71 Platin Runabout for parts, \$50; 10 speed girls take, \$50; 380 automatic, \$75. Everything listed is in excellent condition. Call 996-9813, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and evenings. bgh 9/21n

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Yard Sales

Garage Sale: Sept. 15, 10 & 17, 1417 NW Ave. F. Place. 8 a.m. till 8 p.m. Used boys clothing, sizes 5 & 6, baby clothes, etc. new, sewing items, new pants, large sizes, 32-44, \$6. Misses pants, 8-22, \$5.50, shorts 6-14, \$1.50, plaster wall plaques, large variety. bgh 9/14p

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FOR SALE: 1971 Jeep Commander, 4WD, A/C, 22,500 miles. 12,200 call 996-4182. Belle Glade bghtc

HUNTERS ATTENTION: 1976 GMC 4-wheel drive, power steering/brakes, A/C, positive traction rear end, \$4,500. Call Jim Murray 924-7881. eo ttc

FOR SALE: 1976 GMC 4-wheel drive, power steering/brakes, A/C, positive traction rear end, \$4,900. Call Jim Murray 924-7886. eo ttc

FOR SALE: 1974 Vega Hatchback, 15,000 miles, \$1800 or best offer. Call 996-9795. bgh ttc

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FOR SALE: 1973 Pinto Stationwagon, air conditioned automatic, AM/FM. Call 996-2918. bgh 9/14n

FOR SALE: 1968 Chevy Vision pick-up. Runs good. Fair condition. \$475 cash. firm. Call 996-9813. bgh 9/14n

FOR SALE: 1973 Plymouth Duster, sun roof, automatic power steering, A/C, excellent condition. \$975 cash, firm. Call 996-9813. bgh 9/14n

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DIESEL MECHANICS: U.S. Sugar Corp. \$7.50 per hour, plus fringe benefits. Skilled in repair of Detroit, caterpillar, and International engines. Apply Clewiston and Pahokee offices. Phone 813/983-8121 and 924-5153. bgh 9/21c

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The Hurricane of 1928

Supplement to the Belle Glade Herald

September 14, 1978

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Fifty years ago Saturday, over 2,000 people were killed and thousands more left homeless when a great hurricane roared across Lake Okeechobee. This issue is dedicated to those, living or dead, who were witness to that storm.



We gratefully acknowledge the support and help we have received in preparing this issue. Special thanks to the National Hurricane Center, the Red Cross, the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Photographs used in this issue were borrowed from James Greer, Fritz Sehn and Dr. R. McAllister. Most of all, we thank the people of the Glades for their help in producing this section.

Editorial

Design criteria of dike questioned

In researching the material used in this special commemorative issue, and in asking what would happen if another hurricane of similar proportions were to strike the Glades today, the Herbert Hoover Dike has come up again and again as the key to safety for residents around Lake Okeechobee.

And some disturbing questions have been raised about that dike. The general feeling among a lot of people is that the dike has already gone through an acid test in the form of a hurricane in 1949; that while damage was done to a 3,000 foot section of the levee in the Bacom Point area, the dike wasn't breached.

The 1949 hurricane, on the other hand, wasn't quite as strong as the 1928 hurricane and certainly wasn't as strong as Camille, although it was stronger than the design model hurricane.

Actually, there are three possible conditions the dike was designed to withstand, one involving a "maximum probability hurricane" and the other two dealing with "moderate" hurricanes.

One of the most disturbing things about the capability of the levee to withstand the pounding of a hurricane is the U.S. Corps of Engineers' definition of what makes up a "maximum probability" storm.

The definition is a hurricane with a lakewide average hourly velocity of 90 miles per hour winds, a central pressure reading of 26.75 inches of mercury on the barometer and a 13 mile radius of maximum winds.

A Corps spokesman said that model was drawn up on the basis of a survey of all the storms ever to hit this part of Florida and represents the maximum hurricane one can reasonably expect.

Well, 50 years ago, whether anyone was "reasonably expecting" it or not, this area was devastated by a hurricane packing winds estimated to top out at 160 miles an hour, with a central low pressure of 27.87 inches of mercury and an eye that measured 25 miles across.

Granted, there has been some doubt expressed as to whether the winds ever actually reached 160 miles an hour. The anemometer at the Sugar Cane breeding station at Canal Point blew away at 75 miles per hour and the estimates could have been high.

They could have just as easily been low.

And whether those estimates of the 1928 hurricane's winds were high or low, it's a fact that Camille was packing winds of better than 185 miles an hour when it hit the Gulf coast in Louisiana and Mississippi in 1969...and gusts went well over 200 miles an hour.

Reasonable? Probable? Who knows?

Probably, the people who went through the 1928 hurricane around Lake Okeechobee or Camille wouldn't think it reasonable that they had to endure it.

And on the other hand, it seems sort of unreasonable that someone would come up with a "maximum probable" hurricane just about half as powerful as one which has already been experienced by the area, then to design the only protection for the area with that as a criteria.

Like the local Corps of Engineers, we like to think the levee will hold against anything nature can throw at it because we live in the big earthen dike's shadow too.

The levee may have proven in 1948 it can take the worst that can be thrown at it. It would be comforting to think so and little can be accomplished by "scare tactics".

On the other hand, especially considering the lake level now and the fact the Corps says it can only draw down that level a foot a month at the most, we also feel the public should be aware of just what the levee is designed to contain.



Fifty years of time should bring about an unbiased historical overview perhaps not available at the moment events occur.

Fifty years should allow ample opportunity for study and a review tempered with solid judgement, devoid of emotion.

Fifty years ago Saturday, over 2,000 people lost their lives along the eastern and southern shores of Lake Okeechobee. A simple statement. But one fraught with meaning.

Imagine if you will, and feel if you can, the blackness of a roaring night as hell's door opens for the people of the lake. Picture yourself clinging to something, perhaps a raft, unable even to hear yourself scream because of the greater scream around you. Then feature a wall of water, so powerful and brutal you are torn from your support. Choking, wet, cold and completely alone. Nothing to grasp but the whirling current. Then turning, spinning in the watery darkness until everything is still and you are no more.

Or perhaps you survive. Your task is before you. Wading through the polluted waters, you discover still another body and loop a rope around its neck, then begin the weary task of towing it back for disposal. Your own body

aches from huge sores and all around you is the stench of decay.

I am in the fortunate position of having lived through two of these mighty blows. No, not literally. My work with the Glades County Democrat in Moore Haven was perhaps highlighted by research on the 1928 hurricane that resulted in an issue much like this.

Two years later, I again find myself talking to survivors and reviewing yet another storm. A far greater storm.

Through their eyes, I have seen the things they witnessed. I won't soon forget a young mother, swept from her home, floating on a mattress, clutching her three children to her. And one by one, the children were drowned in the darkness by the waves and wind-blown suds. She released the little bodies to the water as each died in a vain attempt to save the others. Finally only one remained. Then it too was dead and she had no further use of life.

No, I didn't go through either of these storms in body. But my mind and imagination have been there and I remember what they have told me.

Could a disaster such as that of September 16, 1928 again visit the Glades? If it.

another big Cape Verde storm approached, one of equal intensity, would the Herbert Hoover Dike hold?

It has become popular to foretell disaster. Movies have been made of fire and flood. The lesson they teach is that nothing man makes is stronger than the forces of nature.

We are constantly told our Glades have the best system of water control in the world. But would our system be adequate?

I personally think it would be. But one never knows and it is good to question their effectiveness. Without those questions, we would grow complacent. Serene in a security which could prove false.

We must constantly work to better our dikes, water control structures and pumps, holding in mind both the protection they offer and at the same time using them to preserve an aquatic environment that is unique and exciting.

Today, only a handful remain who viewed the destruction wrought by the 1928 hurricane.

And while they are still with us, let us seek to gain knowledge from them so that the mistakes made will not be repeated.

That's what this issue is all about. We hope you enjoy it.



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Allison rides out storm at station

As head of the Everglades Experiment Station, Dr. V. Allison was a trained seer who kept accurate records of the storm and its aftermath.

Many of the pictures in this issue were loaned to us

by the station, which has the largest file of historical pictures in the Glades.

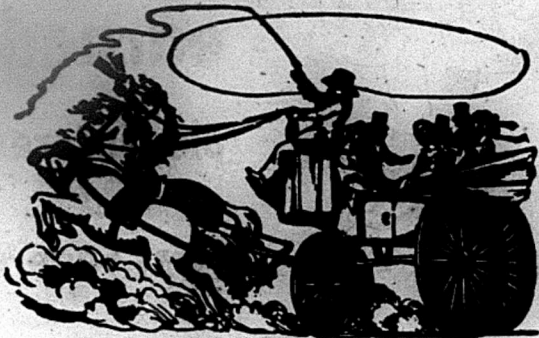
This is Dr. Allison's story of how the hurricane was at the Experiment Station:

We had news that the storm was coming in from

Palm Beach in plenty of time.

By the middle of the afternoon the wind was getting quite high, so I went upstairs in the Experiment Station to check on the weather station to the top of

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the roof and found that the heavy roof door, which was so heavy you had to push against it with your shoulders to open it, was just blowing up and down the wind was so strong, so I went and got a wire and fastened it down.

But the storm continued to get worse so I stayed in the two-story main building until it was almost dark and the wind was getting so bad that when I went over to the bungalow that had been selected for use during the storm, I had to crawl because the wind was so strong.

We stayed in the bungalow that night and took turns holding the glass panes which had no protection on the outside, holding them against the wind so that they wouldn't crash in, that continued through the night.

We stayed on the side of the house the wind was blowing on. During the calm everything was just absolutely dead calm.

At that time a family coming from east of us down near the pump house, had been driving toward Belle Glade in the face of the storm in a little Ford with about eight or nine people in it. As the driver told me later, that he could feel the wheels being picked up off the road.

Right at the time of the calm they were entering the Experiment Station so they drove on in and came into the house. They stayed there for the second half of the storm.

After a period of a half hour or so the storm started from the other direction. It was probably worse than the first half of the storm. The side of the storm that has the prevailing wind is always stronger so we continued to hold the glass window panes on the other side of the house until dawn.

By dawn it was beginning to ease off and by full daylight (about 8 or 9 o'clock am), we were able to go outside and witness the

devastation.

During the storm the anemometer broke as the winds reached 150 miles per hour. We saw everything torn to bits, the green house was crashed in.

Incidentally, the laborers from the Experiment Station were staying in the green house which was very strongly built and had no damage at all.

They were safe there, but they were still terribly frightened because the front half of the green house had crashed in.

In my own case I had a little automobile in the garage and the roof of the garage was out floating against the highway. My car was a roadster and the canvas top was in shreds and the steering wheel was gone except for one spoke which was just long enough to put my hand on.

The motor wouldn't start so we pushed it on the road which was on higher ground and let it dry out then it started. After we got it started we immediately drove for Belle Glade. On the road to Belle Glade in some places there were 3 or 4 foot of debris.

In the meantime buildings had floated as far as the Experiment Station.

As the storm changed directions some of the houses went north across the canal. Some of the houses had anywhere from 12 to 15 people in them.

The Eggleston house was right in the edge of Belle Glade and when the water got into the house the people had to go into the attic to escape the water, the house went across the canal and was slanting towards the canal. But they all got out safely. That was typical all over. There was 10 or 12 feet of water all over Belle Glade.

I made about 400 pictures of different parts of the storm and went over to South Bay where they were throwing oil on the bodies and burning them.

Every once in a while you could find bodies floating in isolated places. That was the case all over the Everglades.



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Book Review

"Cat 5" interesting reading

No discussion of the 1928 Hurricane Center, Hebert said Davis' conclusions are without taking a look at what would probably happen should another major hurricane strike the area today, particularly since so many Palm Beach County residents have never lived through one.

The problem is finding what would happen in such an event...a problem solved by Palm Beach author Robert P. Davis by researching records of the US Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District and feeding that data into the computer at the National Hurricane Center in Miami for an analysis of projected results for a 200-mile an hour hurricane such as Camille or the 1935 hurricane that devastated the Florida Keys.

The result was a book Davis published last year called "Cat 5", a work of fiction which depicted the leveling of the Town of Palm Beach in a Category 5 storm.

While Davis used a considerable amount of literary license to allow his hero, a meteorologist named Steve Mitchell, to perform his heroics, and in some of the meteorological data, according to meteorologist Dr. Paul Hebert of the

or even the 1928 hurricane, which recorded winds at Canal Point estimated at 150-160 miles an hour (the anemometer blew away at 75 miles per hour.)

Davis was also accurate when he said in his book that the major loss of life would occur because most people in an endangered area wouldn't evacuate when advised to and that by the time they would decide to evacuate, they would be unable to do so because of the limited access from Palm Beach to the mainland.

Most of the loss of life in a hurricane such as the one profiled for Davis' book by the Hurricane Center would come on the coast rather than in the Glades area.

Davis purports to show in "Cat 5" how a combination of factors, including a reluctance to draw down Lake Okeechobee, faulty design of the levee and the flood control works in the Glades area, poor design of buildings further weakened by corrupt contractors, limited access from the Palm Beach area to the mainland and the reluctance of residents to evacuate until it's too late could end in a disaster with more than

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Family waits out storm in large packing house

PAHOKEE--Mrs. Dave Lovell had her bout with the '28 hurricane at a packing house in Pahokee, located in the vicinity of today's PPI (Pahokee Produce, Inc.). She, her husband and her three month old baby, Sam, now a teacher at Glades Central High School, joined friends from Tennessee to hide out in a sturdy building.

"We didn't know anything about it," Mrs. Lovell said, "at least there weren't any real bad reports about the hurricane." The other family was the Gray's. He worked at the packing house. "All we had was on our backs and I had a diaper or two for the baby."

"It got rough. We thought we might stay at our house but we were glad we didn't. When we came back to our house, every bit of it was blown away." That house, which they were renting, was

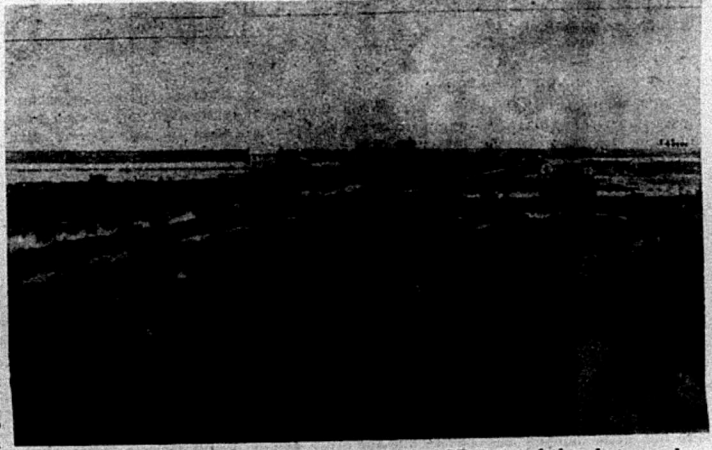
located around Leonard Dobrow's home, at present on Bacom Pt. Road. The house next to theirs was also blown away but one about 25 yards stood. On the next lot, a house turned completely around.

There were about five children in the packing house, one being a little girl named Katherine. Years later she married Jack Spencer. "The wind blowed so hard the sides would just wave in and out," Mrs. Lovell said. "The roof had already blown off. We just expected to go any minute." The men and boys held the large doors shut.

After the storm subsided

the families found shelter in one of the box cars that had blown up the railroad track near the packing house. As soon as the way was cleared, they came back into town and stayed at "Mrs. Barfield's" which is now the location of the Pahokee High School band room. They stayed there a day or two until most everyone was sent out and the National Guard took over.

While the dead were being recovered, Mrs. Lovell said she and her son went to West Palm Beach and then on to Tennessee until the men, including her husband, were finished with the clean up job.



THE ROAD IN THIS PICTURE is present-day SR 715 and the photograph was taken from a house on the Hillsboro Canal. The building in the background is the Fritz Stein, Sr. homestead.

"Cat 5"

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11,000 deaths.

Such a hurricane, Davis said both in the introduction to his book and in a telephone interview two weeks ago, is improbable but is definitely possible.

Davis also stresses the point that hurricane forecasting, and what can be expected as a result in any given area, isn't nearly the fine science most laymen believe it to be.

"Cat 5", while it doesn't bear mainly on the Glades region, and in spite of a certain amount of literary license, is still worthwhile reading for its insight in what could happen during a major hurricane.

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Muck dike was built in early '20s

By Charles Mack Todd
From 1912 to 1926 a severe hurricane had not come in full force to the Everglades of South Florida. For this reason most of the people in South Florida were not acquainted with hurricanes and what they could do.

In 1926 a severe hurricane came to the Miami area - thence north westward, the center passing just to the west side of the lake. It did considerable damage at Moore Haven, drowning several people. But on the east and south sides of the lake but little damage was done, for this reason, the people living on the east and south side of the lake knew but little about the fury and damage a hurricane could do.

In 1925, the Federal Weather Bureau did not know about hurricanes as it does now. Then they could not locate them and tell about their size and fury, how fast they were traveling, or in exactly which direction. So the people on the east and south sides of the lake in 1928 were not acquainted with the laws of storms, and were ignorant about the danger of living by this big lake of about 1,000 square miles of water during a raging tropical hurricane.

Most of the people did not have even a radio to tell them of the approaching storm and the damage it might do to life and property, so most of them settled down to spend the night in unprotected area in shacks.

Before night fall Sunday, September 28, the storm was near enough to be getting furious because the storm center was approaching Lake Worth. It came ashore there about 8 p.m. and headed directly towards Pahokee. The hull of the storm center arrived about 11 p.m. The Lull was about 45 minutes long. So about midnight the Lull passed and the other side of the hurricane came in great fury, even worse than the first side of it.

About New Year's day 1923, a floating dredge came into the lake and began laying up a small muck dike, beginning at the meander line at Bacom Point (where H.J. Anderson now lives) and following the meander line around the south end of the lake, thinking that would help the settlers, especially the farmers, better control the water on the submerged land.

As the storm approached the lake, the wind blowing hard from the northwest and then the west, piled the lake water up against this small muck dike until the water plunged over several feet

deep catching people and animals in unprotected areas with great fury with wholesale destruction in several places.

On the day before the storm arrived that night, while up in Pahokee, I saw Grover Inlow boarding up windows in his bakery (where Dave's Palm Beach Store now stands). He was acquainted with how bad a hurricane could be, and was taking precautions. Seeing this I asked him if I could come up and stay with him during the storm. (Then my family and I lived on Bacom Point). He said, "Come on up Mack with your family". So late in the day, (it was already raining and blowing pretty hard then) I loaded my wife and three small sons, Roland, Owen and Basil, and my wife's father, W.F. Owen in my Ford Model-T and drove up to Pahokee. I put Mr. Owen out at his rooming house on the corner of (now) 2nd St. Lake Park Drive. Then I took my family to the bakery where we were shut in for the storm.

As the storm center approached, the wind became more furious with every puff, at times shaking the building like it would be torn to pieces. Once a flying object hit the building with such a blast, some who were

inside wanted to get out. But old Father York, a veteran of the Battle of Gettysburg, yelled loudly, "Stay inside. It was worse than this at Gettysburg."

When the storm center arrived, it was very still and hard to breathe, the barometer was so low. But as we had been spared we (some of us) ventured outside but it was so dark we could not see the damage done thus far. It was on the new moon and dark nights - in fact the darkest night that I have ever seen - and it was the last night that several hundred ever saw in this world. During the lull, we learned that the hotel where we had left my wife's father was already destroyed. Then during the rest of the night she was afraid her father was gone, so it added to our misery.

During the lull when we were outside, I knew something about the laws of storms, so I warned those outside that soon the other side of the storm would hit with great fury. As I talked the storm could be heard coming with the noise and rumble of a fast loaded freight train. We rushed back inside and instantly the storm hit again with great fury. And as the wind blew hard from the east, the water that had been blown

out of the lake while the wind blew from the west rushed back towards the lake. When it got almost knee deep in the building where we were, my wife asked me to taste the water to see if it were salty. She thought the water now might be coming from the ocean. When I tasted it and assured her it was fresh, she was relieved.

By about sunrise the storm had blown by so we could get out and try to ascertain some of the damage. And in a short while I found my wife's father in the new school house building where many others had gone for safety during the storm. He was okay and so were two of her sisters. My father and mother and some of the family were safe at Canal Point where the Everglades News was published many years.

When we all came out dazed after the storm, it is impossible to tell how we felt and what we saw. Dead people, horses, cows, hogs, snakes, fish, alligators and fowls of the air.

Shortly the Red Cross and American Legion came to us with aid of every possible kind. Because of dead things putrifying, in a few hours an awful stench filled the air. The lake water was inspected and found unsafe to use

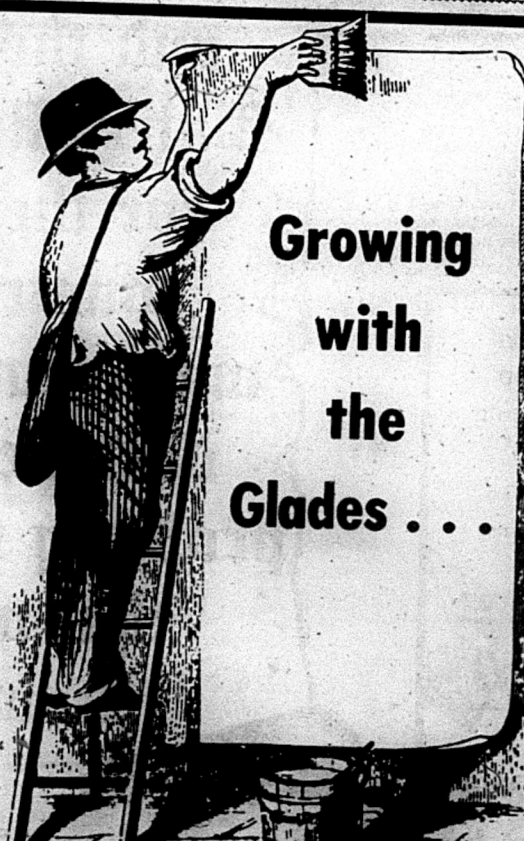
because of pollution. So water was brought by tank on a truck from an artesian flowing well down on Conner's Highway. In ten days the lake water was inspected again and declared pure for use.

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Some fled from hurricane

Not everyone who was warned of the 1928 hurricane wanted to evacuate the lake area. Such was the case of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Betzner and family of Southeast Avenue C and Third Street.

The Betznors and their four children, Caroline, Glennia, Charles and

Dorothy, were warned of the storm like everyone else. But Mrs. Betzner was sick, and moving the children - the youngest of which was six months old - was no easy task.

Besides, Mrs. Betzner, who now lives with family members in Belle Glade, said she and her husband

had stayed in their home during the 1928 hurricane with no ill results.

As the 1928 storm neared the Glades, friends finally convinced the Betznors to move out and take refuge in Sebring.

"Louis Creech really got me out of there," Mrs. Betzner recalls, adding that he and other friends had to literally carry her out as winds reached gale force.

Following the storm, Mr. Betzner returned to Belle Glade to salvage what he could of his old homesite. Most of the Betznors' personal belongings were gone, but their house was still intact - perched on the bank of the Hillsboro Canal about a half mile downstream from its original location.

After 1 1/4 weeks, Mrs. Betzner came back and stayed in West Palm Beach until her husband and Red Cross workers could move their house back to their property and make repairs.

In five weeks the Betznors had "picked up the pieces" and were living in their original house, where Mrs. Betzner remained until moving to LaBelle in 1969.

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District has new system

For the first time the South Florida Water Management District has a new telemetry system that will be in operation during this hurricane season and should significantly improve the capability to anticipate and control water levels and protect residents from loss of life and property due to floods and hurricanes.

The system has been called the most extensive remote control water management system in the country - perhaps in the world - It has been developed by the South Florida Water Management District and the Electronics Division of

General Dynamics.

The first loop of the system, covering south Florida has been installed and is now undergoing testing procedures. Information from 37 remote sites is forwarded through 16 microwave towers to the District Headquarters in West Palm Beach where it is fed into the District's computer system.

The system will provide such information as current water levels, wind velocity, salt content, water flow and rainfall. In addition gates in remote areas can be opened and closed by electronic orders to the towers.

Using computers to do much of the work by remote control, the communications network will afford a great deal of safety for the people of south Florida, without endangering the lives of individual District employees who now actually must man the water management structures to see that water is maintained at safe levels in lakes and waterways before, during and after a storm.

The new system will provide improvements of water management in at least five fields that are of interest to the Water Management District.

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The cleaning up of bodies recalled

By Chester Young

The complete devastation was simply unbelievable. What had been a quiet, peaceful farming area was now completely wiped out. Everywhere, as far as the eye could see, there were remains of broken-up, demolished houses and other buildings. Many trees had been uprooted while others had been broken leaving the trunk reaching skyward like a ghost. Many cars and other vehicles had been rolled over and over. Many of them were now partially buried in mud and water. Mud, filth, and

holes of trapped water were everywhere.

The most impressive sight of all was DEATH. Ugly death was simply everywhere. Dead fish were scattered all around. We had to be careful that we didn't step on a dead catfish. The bodies of animals, both wild and domestic, were all around.

By far the most gruesome sight was that of human bodies partially buried in mud and water. Many of the bodies were either with the remains of the house or beneath a tree or tree top; however many, especially children, were found a hundred yards or more from the

house site and in open spaces. Almost all the buildings in the area had been of frame construction, and had been completely demolished.

On arriving at the site Mr. Sanders gave the axe to me and started me to chopping while he began digging in the mud beneath the tree top. Within minutes I caught sight of what he was after. A human hand appeared above the mud beneath the tree top. I felt a little sick at the gruesome sight, but I knew that would not work. I steered myself and tried not to look.

The hand above the mud beneath the tree top led to the body of a young woman of about 20. Together we were able to pull her free. We dragged her a short distance to a pool of water where we washed some of the mud from her body. We then took her to the side of the road where the truck could pick her up. This procedure developed into a routine of locating and "taking care of bodies".

This tree top yielded four other bodies—a young man holding a small child, an older man and an older woman. All were washed in a hole of water and placed beside the road

where the truck could get to them.

About noon that day—Monday—we came upon our first live one—an elderly woman. She was alive but had her foot caught in a tree top that was on the ground. She told us her name was "Aunt Hattie" and that she was waiting for her son and grandson to come and get her loose.

By the time we chopped the limb to free her foot we had learned that she had lived with her son and his wife in the house that had been on a little knoll that made it somewhat higher than other buildings in the area.

With "Aunt Hattie" safe beside the road we set out to find her family. The first was a young girl of about two still held in the arms of her mother. "Aunt Hattie" identified them as the wife and baby of her grandson. Next was an older woman identified as "Aunt Hattie's" daughter-in-law.

Right away the area yielded the bodies of four more children—two boys about 6 and 9 and two girls about 12 and 14. Every time we brought in a body "Aunt Hattie" would inquire about her son. After due diligence the son and grandson were located a hundred yards north of the house site. Fragmentary remains of the ladder were located near by.

"Aunt Hattie" was put aboard the truck with her family for the trip into town. By this time she appeared to be in a state of shock. She couldn't believe all the members of her family were dead.

When it was too dark to see any more, Mr. Sanders and I gave up in complete exhaustion. We went to a fire that someone had started beside the road—I have no idea where they found dry wood. There we found plenty of hot food, coffee and water brought from town by one of the trucks.

There was little conversation around the fire and even that was hushed and muted. It was as if a spell had been cast upon the whole group. Apparently the men could not bring themselves to believe and accept the miserable sight and conditions all around us. Soon everyone was asleep on the shoulder of the road—the only dry place around.

With the first crack of dawn everyone was up and at it again, and within 30 minutes we had uncovered two bodies within 50 feet of where we had slept.

Tuesday was, with one possible exception, pretty much the same as Monday—locating bodies, washing them in a hole of water and placing them beside the road.

By this time, the work became a routine. We'd find a house, or what was left of it, and we'd start searching north for bodies; not east or west or south but north. That's where we'd always find them.

Questions have been asked about the rescue workers. Actually they were just about what might be expected. In the first and even the second days, many of the rescue workers were one or both parents searching for the

lost members of the family. Others were relatives searching for their kin.

Of course, there were many like Mr. Sanders and I who were there because there was a job to be done. Actually, I suppose we represented all those poor souls who had no family or relative at hand to search for them.

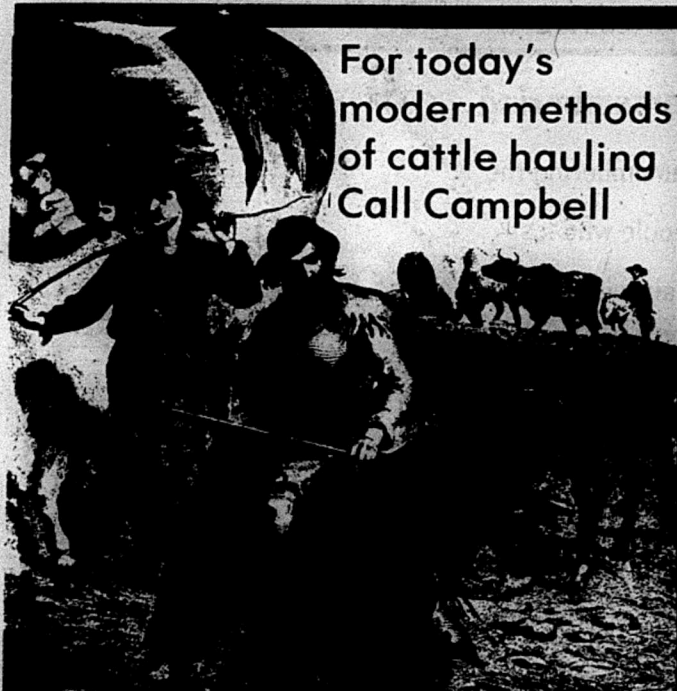
There was so much death in so many gruesome conditions that we became somewhat immune to it; however with the passing of time the sight of a dead body causes me to cringe. To

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Track of 1928 storm is given

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The first recorded sighting of the hurricane that six days later was to bring death and destruction to the Glades was recorded by the S.S. Commack at latitude 17° North and

longitude 48°, 15' West. Barometric pressure was 29.94 inches with winds of Force 7.

The next report was later the same day by the S.S. Clarissa and the following morning, the Weather Bureau issued a warning that a tropical cyclone of unknown intensity would likely pass over the Antilles north of Martinique on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

On the 12th, great destruction was wrought by the storm in Guadeloupe and the islands of St. Kitts and Montserrat also suffered heavy losses.

By the 13th, the hurricane was located southwest of St. Croix and by that afternoon, it struck Puerto Rico. Highest velocities recorded measured 144 miles per hour with estimates of winds over 200 near the center.

Loss of life was reported at over 300 and the Weather Bureau took credit for this low toll by its accurate warning. It was noted in the Bureau's "Monthly Weather Review" of December 8, 1928, that the vortex of the storm, 12 hours elapsed from beginning to end.

Other damage reported in the island included several hundred thousand homeless, towns near the path of the center leveled, and sugar and tobacco crops destroyed. Citrus growers lost their entire crop but the trees were relatively undamaged. Property and crop losses were placed at over \$50

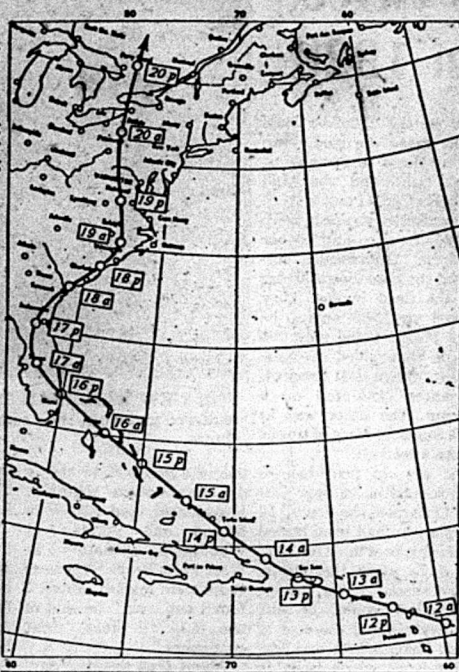


FIG. 1.—Track of hurricane, September 12-20, 1928

are that hurricane center will reach the Florida coast near Jupiter early tonight. Emergency. Advise all interests. This hurricane is of wide extent and great severity. Every precaution should be taken against destructive winds and high tides on Florida east coast, especially West Palm Beach to Daytona."

The Weather Review reported that Frank Schuster of South Bay informed them the warning was issued with sufficient time to enable him to make any automobile trips for the purpose of collecting residents and moving them to a large barge. The barge saved the lives of 211 men, women and children.



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Delmar Hooks loses twice, once in 1926 then in 1928

CANAL POINT—"I lost everything I had," says Delmar Hooks of Canal Point. The hurricane of July, 1926 left him broke, destroying his restaurant

hotel business, and he built a grocery store. Then the hurricane of '28 took his grocery business. During storms, "I always had the job of furnishing

food in the Pahokee-Canal Point area," he said, journeying down to Streamline, East Lake and the high school in Canal Point.

As disaster struck in Sept. 1928, Hooks and other National Guardsmen surveyed the grounds gathering up the dead bodies. They picked up 3,300 bodies, he said. Hooks noted only two people were killed in Canal Point. "One was at Sandcut. A water tank fell on a woman. The other was at U.S. Sugar. A piece of tin cut a man's head off."

At an old pool hall in Pahokee, situated near Carter Chevrolet, he found 12 people who had been buried beneath a pool table for 12 to 15 days after the storm. "Just about every bridge was full of people," he said, as they covered the area of East Lake School and McClure Road which leads to the city's garbage incinerator today.

Hooks stood guard from the bank at Canal Point to the Pahokee railroad track. From there another man took over. "People were stealing everything they could get a hold of," so the National Guard stood watch.

The first person to be buried in Port Mayaca was

one of a group of 59 that a dragline buried together, Hooks said, and 800 were buried one Sunday at Woodlawn Cemetery in West Palm Beach. "Some of those were my customers. I found out later," he said of the 59. "I lost eight customers."

About that dreadful day, Hooks recalls, "I left the store on Lake Shore Drive and started to Georgia with my wife, to check on his father who had suffered a stroke. They got as far as the St. Lucie Canal when his wife Nell's father, A.H. Horn who was running the toll gate, advised them to go on up to his house since a storm was approaching. That was

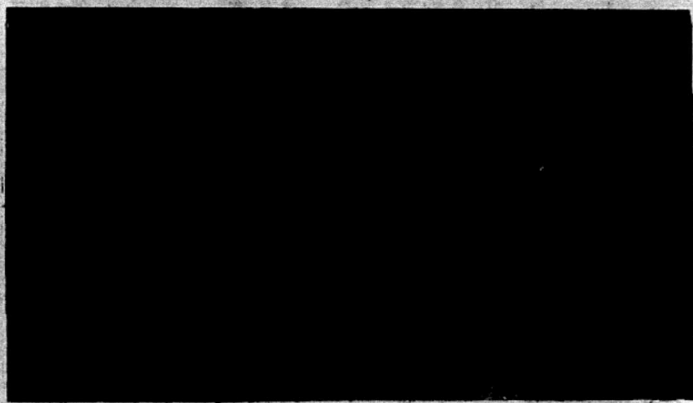
the "old Connors home" I said "Sam, that thing's coming back," Hooks recalled. From the force of the wind, they traveled three miles with the car's motor cut off. The wind had changed directions this time.

They got back to the house. "He (Sam) went in one side where all the men were and I went in the other. The only people in my side were Jack (A.L.) Pope and one man who was paralyzed, Mr. Moody. The rest were women and kids."

Hooks said that Pope didn't get up the entire night, shaking with fear. "Every window on our side blew out." That put him to work nailing anything he

Suddenly they heard a noise.

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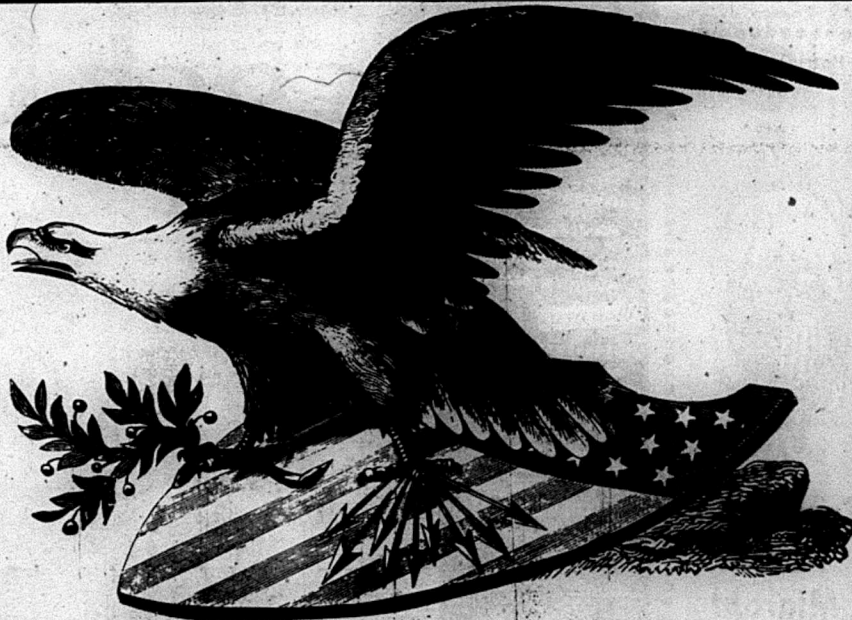


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Hooks loses

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could find to the windows inside doors, dining table, anything. His side of the house caught the brunt of the storm. The interior was "just as wet as Lake Okeechobee," water bursting against the doors.

He remembered a coop filled with over 200 chickens which flew over the roof of the house landing about 100 yards on the other side. Chickens, dead and alive were scattered around.

It was this, the second part of the storm, he said, that caused the drowning of thousands. There was no dike for protection from the waters of Lake Okeechobee. He noted the railroad track was broken in one spot that later became US 441. "It was twisted like pipe stems from Pahokee to Belle Glade." It took him three hours to get to Pahokee from Canal Point. "I've never seen such a mess," he said of



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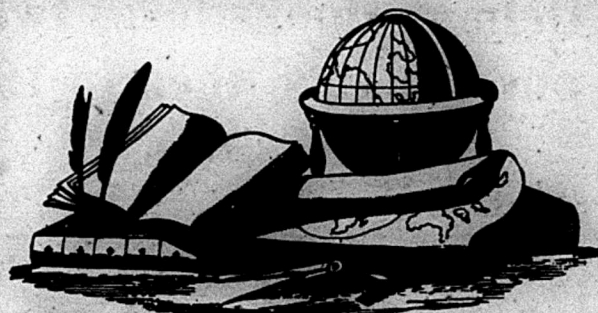


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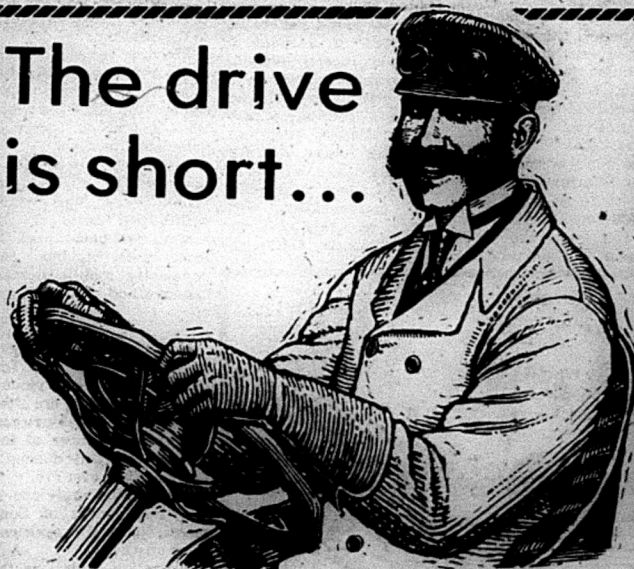
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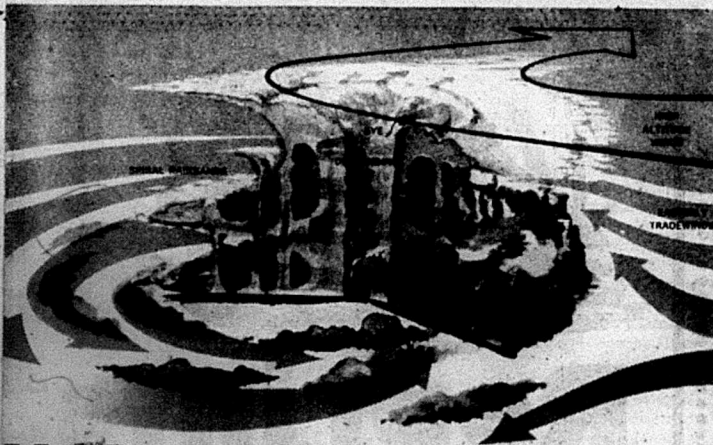
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Much remains to be learned

There are still many unknowns about hurricanes, though it is certain they are products of tropical oceans and atmosphere, powered by heat from the sea and steered on their erratic courses by the easterly tradewinds and the jet stream.

But when one forms, nothing is known about where it will landfall and in 1928, very little was even known about them at all.

Hurricanes are a major source of rain, but so far as can now be determined, that's their only redeeming factor. They have killed hundreds of thousands of people, as did one in Bangladesh in 1970.

Other killer storms have been one in Charleston, South Carolina in 1893 that killed over a thousand, one the same year in Louisiana that killed two thousand, and the Galveston, Texas storm of 1900 that took six thousand lives.

Cuba lost over two thousand to a storm in 1932 and a Florida hurricane killed 400 in 1935 and more than 400 were killed in 1926.

Roads from the 1974 hurricane in Honduras left

five thousand dead and many thousands from neighboring countries, including Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and Belize.

The damage is not always in lives. Camille in 1969 destroyed an estimated \$1.42 billion in property and Agnes cost over \$2.1 billion in 1972.

A hurricane begins as a disturbance and statistically, over 100 disturbances during the season have the potential of becoming hurricanes. In an average year, only ten disturbances mature into tropical storms and only six to hurricanes. Again in the average year, three hurricanes will strike the United States, killing from 50 to 100 people and costing hundreds of millions of dollars in property damage.

Hurricanes are borne after some stimulating influence begins a counterclockwise motion. Rapidly rising air, moist and heated, transfers its energy into wind. This energy transfer is immense. The condensation heat energy released by a big blow in one day can be the

equivalent of 400 20-megaton hydrogen bombs.

One day's worth of this energy, converted to electricity, would be enough to power the entire United States for six months.

A well-defined hurricane has a distinct circular shape and the center of the cloud structure contains an "eye" of descending air.

The hurricane survives only so long as it stays over warm water. Cold water will kill it. So will land. The hurricane can intensify only while moving slowly. A fast-moving storm will weaken quickly.

Most of the destruction a hurricane causes is done by storm surge, a general rise in the height of the sea. Surges of up to 15 feet common and Camille's 25 feet plus is close to the maximum.

Flooding caused by rain and storm surge is probably second in destructive potential and the hurricane winds least potent in terms of dollar and life losses.

There are exceptions, however. Celia in 1971 contained very high winds which did most of the storm's destructive work. In some cases, buildings and especially mobile homes, cannot stand the wind's force.

But the hurricane's bag of tricks don't stop here. Tornadoes, the most violent form of whirlwind, are often spawned by the hurricane. The record number of tornadoes recorded during a hurricane was over 115.

To combat hurricanes, The Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, maintains the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables.

The Center's staff of expert meteorologists and forecasters keep a close watch over the tropics via satellite, airplane and other observation. Disturbances are seen as they occur and are tracked as they die or grow into tropical storms and hurricanes.

Ample warning time is now a fact because of this system and because of the warnings and alerts, steps can be taken to reduce the losses in lives and property caused by hurricanes.

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Ivan van Horne keeps pump going on barge

Ivan Van Horne was one of the men credited with helping save the lives of 211 men, women and children who took refuge on a barge docked inside the South Bay locks.

Mr. Van Horne stayed

outside, buffeted by wind and water, but kept the barge bilge pump going and prevented it from sinking.

This is his account of the hurricane at South Bay:

We were prepared as best we could. I was working for a construction company building roads in Belle Glade. Word got out from West Palm Beach that a storm was approaching. The construction company had a big house boat barge that they used for living quarters for part of the construction crew. Between them and others that were interested, we took it over to the old South Bay locks and fastened it up with cable, filled the ice box with ice and put some supplies such as food stuff.

We told everybody the storm was approaching but everybody knew it by then. We got people to come and warned to come and get on it. My folks lived in Bean City so I went up there and finally talked them into coming and getting on the barge.

The next door neighbors that didn't come were all lost.

Well, everyone was excited and thought it was all foolish. Most everybody got on the boat; just very few storm around noon on a didn't. As I said I was Sunday. By night it was working for the construction rough.

company and I was running

boats at that time every bit of transportation was by boat. We were transporting construction material, and bridge material and so on.

We took a pump off the barge and we used this on the house boat. That's how I got my name in the paper. I got out during the hurricane and ran the pump to help keep the water pumped out and the barge afloat. Other people were bailing out water with big buckets and such as that. Nobody knows where all the water came from. If we hadn't kept the water out, the barge would have sunk.

We could only keep one small power boat afloat, two or three of the ones we had tied on to the barge sank.

Before the storm I prepared this motor on the pump to where I thought it would withstand the storm and rain. Ordinarily, with this type of motor you did good to get it to crank in the mornings with the dew on it.

I had the pump fastened down on the barge so that it would not blow away. I had to hold onto the pump to that didn't come were all keep from blowing away myself. Me and the pump would have blown away if I hadn't had it bolted down. We started preparing for the night around noon on a Sunday. By night it was a mess on this



MEMBERS OF THE STEIN FAMILY pose with the remains of a tractor washed up by the storm. Debris, including whole custard apple trees, were caught by the flow and deposited in huge piles.

house boat barge with all these people on there. There were women, children and babies.

The next morning about light, well the storm really started calming down after midnight, but as soon as it got light enough to see, I got off the barge and walked up the canal bank.

As I was going up the bank I saw the first dead person I have ever seen, Mr. Wilder. He was drowned, I suppose, lying on the bridge. Our house had been lifted up and over about a foot and then set back down on the pilings where they had made holes in the floor.

Part of our stuff had been washed out of the house. We wondered how it got out when the house hadn't been torn apart. Someone had found our silver a mile or two across the canal still rolled up in the silver cloth. We had an old refrigerator that had normal things in it. And after the storm there wasn't a thing left in it except one lemon, everything else had washed out.

We went into the house and the drawers that I had my towels in were still intact. I said oh! our towels are still here. I opened the drawer and the towels were gone but inside the drawer lay a lemon.

Apparently the towels had washed out and the lemon had got in. The Post office wasn't damaged, Willits grocery store didn't have much damage but they were on higher ground. There were lots of goods that were high on the shelves that weren't damaged. Most of the houses that were lower on the ground were all torn up.

After the storm we took my parents back to Bean City where they lived. There wasn't a sign of their house. An old Ford tractor was the only thing left. It's hard to describe if you could only see it in your mind. It was a terrible tragedy and a shock to the people. It was months and months and for some, years, before the shock wore off.

We were more prepared for the storm than a good many people were. There was no way we could have kept the motor running without help. The good Lord just helped us. That engine on the pump was doing good if you could get it to crank in normal weather. Many a morning with the heavy dew it might take an hour or two to crank it.

There were over a hundred people on the barge. The house on the barge had a kitchen, eating place and bunks. We made do with what we had. There was groceries enough for everybody to eat.

Everybody got something to eat the next day, maybe not what they wanted or enough but everybody had some food.

The barge was twenty by eighty feet. It was a big barge. It belonged to the state. After the storm, we moved the construction company to the old Bolles Hotel. Most all of the women were taken out and sent to

friends within a few days. was a boatman for this construction company. It was nearly a month after the storm before I could leave here.

The canal along side the old Highway 27 was up. traveled that canal several times a day, providing boat transportation. There were bodies lying on the canal bank that hadn't been picked up for several days.

Back in South Bay, there was a field that had just been plowed up. The field was black being just plowed and the flood water had washed all the vegetation away. They weren't able to pick up all the bodies so they lay them in this field and sprinkled the bodies with lime to keep the smell and such down.

You could stand on the locks in South Bay and see all the white spots on this field. There was about 50 or 60 white spots on this field. I don't remember just how many there was. A lot of the bodies had to be burned.



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School offers shelter

PAHOKEE—Several hundred people weathered the big storm in the old white school house situated near the Loula V. York Memorial Library at present. Pahokee High School had just been completed so some found shelter there. The others, if not in their homes, made their way to the old schoolhouse. "JP. "DoDo" Parker was one.

"We had warnings but they didn't tell us exactly how severe that storm was. They claim the wind blew a wind gauge away at 200 mph. Whether that's true or not, I don't know," Parker said.

DoDo, age 16, was charged with looking after his little brother, Jordan, during the storm. His father E.P. "Pasco" was looking after his wife, Celesta and DoDo's other brother, Mack, had to look after himself. Mr. Parker told DoDo to stay by a window so that if the building started collapsing he'd have more of a chance of getting outside.

When the water began moving over the lake, the little old schoolhouse preceded to float. "They say boat builders built it," Parker commented. As the building leaned from side to side, "some old timers in there said let's sink it. If we don't it could blow us away." From somewhere, they got a piece of a tree and put a hole in the bottom of the building. "It went to sinking and it got nearly waist deep in there. That's when DoDo got scared," Parker recalls. "People were saying 'Oh my

God, we've sunk it in the lake. But when the water got along there, it stopped. We could tell we were on the ground."

At the height of the storm, a piano in the hall kept sliding back and forth and finally went out the door. "There was some people there that went crazy and instead of staying in the building they ran outside," Parker said. They found one of those people the next day just across the road who had drowned.

As the eye of the storm arrived, DoDo knew better than to venture out for long. "There were too many old timers there that had been in a hurricane before. I was informed to stay with them because we were in the center of the storm and there would be another half of it coming," he recalls.

As a group, they walked outside. "Then after a while somebody said, 'I hear it. It's coming and we took off.' It was a dead calm in the center of that storm. There was no wind whatsoever and one million birds."

A friend of his, a Mr. Rice was one who stayed out in the eye of the storm for too long. Unable to return to the school house, he was forced to tie himself to a rubber tree in front of his house. The man's clothes were blown from his body but he survived the ordeal.

As the hurricane changed directions and water started seeping into the school, "I'll never forget people saying, 'My God, think of what's

happening out on the muck.'" And my God they were right. It was a solid sea of water."

An elderly couple out near Old Belle Glade Road lived through the storm, thanks to one of their dairy cows. Most of the cows died, including the one this couple held onto as it floated on the water.

"A lot of freakish things happened in that hurricane," Parker said. For example, "a chicken coop DoDo had wired to the ground, upon his father's instruction. "After the storm, we went over there and the house was gone but the damn chicken coop was still there."

He remembers a rubber tree on the corner across the Bank of Pahokee, stood with a piece of a 2"x4" blown through it. There was also a cabbage palm tree with a piece of tin blown through it.

The gruesome part of the hurricane became evident at its close. Parker helped haul the dead. Most were transported to Port Mayaca where they were buried in trenches. They didn't put the dead in coffins, they put them in wooden caskets, he recalls. A dragline was on hand to dig the trenches and a carpenter on hand to build caskets.

When the bodies were in such condition that they could not be moved, much less identified, workers had to apply lime and burn them. "That's when I began to get out of the dead people business," he said. Parker's next job was to haul water to the Glades from West Palm Beach, a full day's work. Later, he hauled the crews in to clean up and pick up bodies.

"There on Dead Man's Curve there used to be a huge cypress tree. We picked up six people there who had

Killer Storms Are Listed

Location	Date	Dead
Galveston, Tex.	Sept. 8, 1900	6,000
Florida, Tex.	Sept. 2-15, 1919	800
Florida, Ala.	Sept. 16-22, 1926	372
Cuba, Florida	Oct. 20, 1926	600
West Indies, Florida	Sept. 12-17, 1928	4,000
San Domingo	Sept. 3, 1930	2,000
Florida	Aug. 29-Sept. 10, 1935	408
New England	Sept. 21, 1938	600
Bengal, India	Sept. 15-16, 1942	11,000
Jamaica-Mexico	Aug. 18-23, 1951	260
Northeast U.S.	"Carol", Aug. 30, 1954	68
Haiti-East U.S.	"Hazel", Oct. 12-16, 1954	347
Caribbean, Va., Md.	"Connie", Aug. 12-13, 1955	43
Eastern U.S.	"Diane", Aug. 18-19, 1955	400
Mexico	"Hilda", Sept. 19, 1955	200
Caribbean	"Janet", Sept. 22-28, 1955	500
Louisiana-Texas	"Audrey", June 17-30, 1957	430
Caribbean, East U.S.	"Donna", Sept. 4-12, 1960	148
Br. Honduras	"Hattie", Oct. 31, 1961	400
Cuba, Haiti	"Flora", Oct. 4-8, 1963	6,000
Guadeloupe, Haiti, FL.	"Cleo", Aug. 22-29, 1964	138
Louisiana, Miss., Ga.	"Hilda", Oct. 4-7, 1964	38
Florida, Miss., La.	"Betsy", Aug. 27-Sept. 12, 1965	74
Caribbean, FL., Mexico	"Inez", Sept. 24-30, 1966	293
Caribbean, Texas, Mexico	"Beulah", Sept. 5-23, 1967	54
Miss., La.	"Camille", Aug. 17-18, 1969	258
Cuba, FL., Texas	"Celia", July 30-Aug. 5, 1970	31
Martinique	"Dorothy", Aug. 20-21, 1970	42
Florida to New York	"Agnes", June 19-29, 1972	118
Honduras	"Fifi", Sept. 19-29, 1974	2,000
Caribbean, North-East U.S.	"Eloise", Sept. 13-27, 1975	71

tied themselves to the top limb of the tree. The bottom limb was about 12 feet off the ground. They had drowned."

He noted 90 percent of the people were naked, from the strong winds.

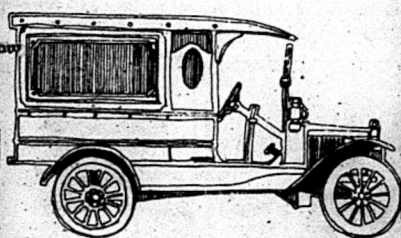
The Salvation Army made the scene bringing "Brand new clothes". Workers were on their honor to pick out a suit of clothes their size. There was no stealing, Parker said, that he knew of.

Parker said most of those who drowned were black, since they lived in quarters. "At that time, they were pretty good, but they weren't built to withstand a storm and all that water," he said.

From experience, Parker states, "Anybody that says they can look after anybody else in a full blown hurricane has never been in one. If they say that, they're flat lyin." He never left in a

hurricane before he was married, but afterwards he did. The next storm after "28", he and his family left a week before and returned a week afterward, for insurance.

Herbert Hoover Dike was built to prevent disasters of the kind in 1928. "We've got the levee, but if we have another heavy storm, I'm gonna be one of the first to get the hell out of here."



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Cleanup of bodies

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this day I will not attend a funeral if I can avoid it.

I'm sure there were looters; however, those of

us in the "business" were too busy to take much notice of such things. We left looters and law and order to the National Guard. The people we were around seemed to have but one ever consuming goal-to "recover and take care of" human bodies.

The Red Cross appeared on the scene quite early. Although we didn't see them at the lake we knew they were in town dispensing bedding and other necessary items of furnishings for the homes that were destroyed. They must have set up some kind of kitchen in town because we were told the food that came to us by truck was from the Red Cross.

It is most difficult for people today to really understand the events connected with the great Oksechobee flood. It is difficult to realize the complete devastation caused "in the twink of an eye" by the great tidal wave from the lake.

This, coupled with a lack of communications and washed out roads made it most difficult to know what was happening over the horizon beyond where the eye could see.



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THE WEST SHORE looked like this following the '28 storm. It is still standing at the corner of Canal Street and SR 715 in Chosen.

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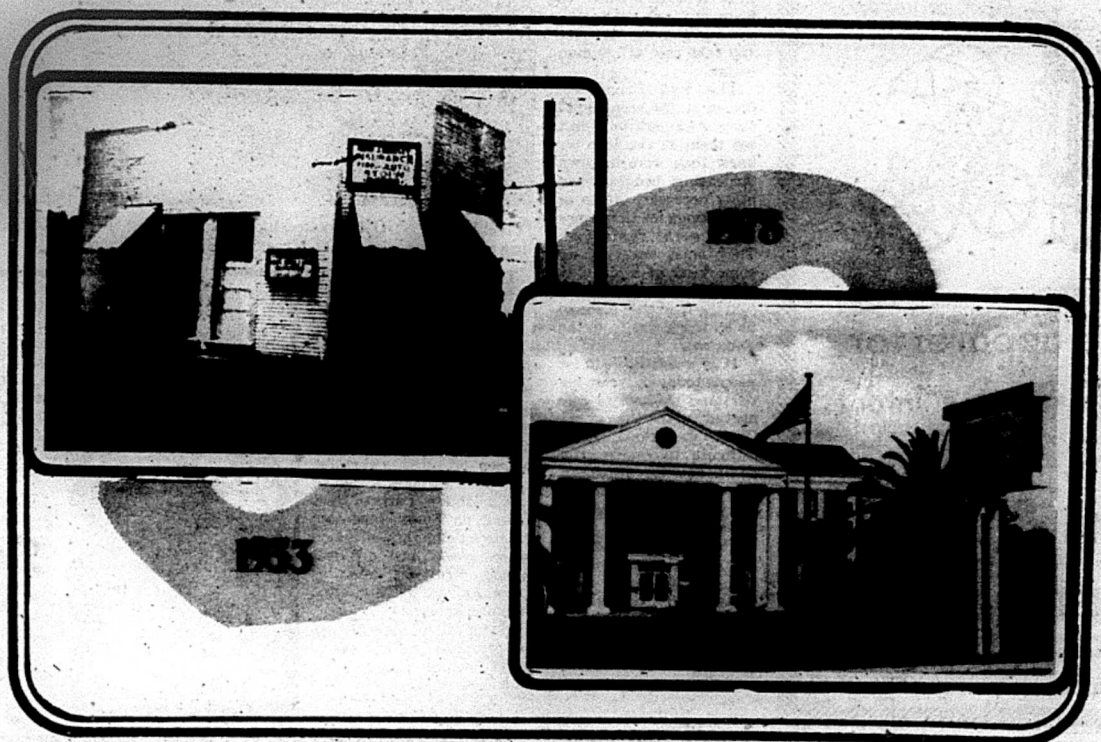
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Levee will hold, says Corps

The danger is over...or is it?

It's 1928...50 years later. Glowering skies grow darker much earlier than usual and gale force winds send an army of grey clouds pregnant with rain scudding across a Lake Okeechobee being whipped into a frenzy in the rapidly failing light of Sept. 16.

At 5 p.m., the barometer at the Agricultural Research and Education Center is at 29.17 inches and falling while the wind is 40 miles per hour from the north.

At 7:48 p.m., the barometer is 28.54 inches and the wind is at 60 knots from the northwest and at

8:15 p.m., the anemometer cups blow away after the velocity reaches 75 miles per hour from the northwest and the barometer is reading 28.25 inches of mercury.

By 9 p.m., the barometer has fallen to 27.87 inches and the wind is estimated at 150 miles per hour with gust shrieking by even faster out of the northwest.

There is dead calm from 9:30 until 10 p.m. as the eye passes over the station, with an overall low barometric pressure reading of 27.87 inches at 9:45.

Shortly after 10 p.m., the barometer begins to rise and

the winds slam into the station from the southeast, reaching an estimated velocity of 160 miles per hour about 10:45 p.m. and dropping rapidly after 11 p.m.

But this is 1978, not 1928, when those readings were made at the USDA sugar cane breeding station a half mile north of Canal Point. If the storm were to come again, will there be another 2,000 lost lives to mourn or is there reason to hope things won't be the same...that there won't be nearly the loss of life or property damage?

The answer is complex and not readily available but everyone seems to agree the Herbert Hoover Levee is the key. If the dike, itself a memorial to the 1928 disaster, holds, then so does hope. If it's breached, there's the potential of a catastrophe by which the earlier storm would pale by comparison.

"Everything has changed so dramatically since then," said Col. Robert Owen, director of Palm Beach County Civil Defense.

"There are so many more people now; there's the dike; we have better warning systems; communications are better," Col. Owen said. "It's good in some ways and bad in others. The losses could be fantastic in property damage and life but you're far enough inland, you'll be pretty safe as long as the dike holds. The dike is the key."

Col. Owen said that in the case of a killer hurricane, it's almost a foregone conclusion that US 441 north, SR 80 and US 90 east and US 27 south would all be cut off at some point or points, if not by flooding then by fallen trees.

"But you've got a lot of things going for you out there (in the Glades) that we don't have here (in the West Palm Beach area). The

White said there will be no Corps, said from his office in Jacksonville the levee and all under these conditions, the Corps' structures are not even by the surges caused by the hurricane or anything the lake can throw people out there are resourceful and you have heavy

model maximum hurricane is the strongest that could "reasonably be expected." He said the model storm was constructed after all the storms in this part of the country had been analyzed.

The 1928 Hurricane Section B

equipment.

And unlike 1928, he pointed out there would be no complete cutoff of transportation and communications because nowadays there are a number of airbases in Florida and there would be no problem in airlifting in supplies, material and equipment, or in airlifting out casualties.

Besides military aircraft, he said STOL (Short Takeoff and Landing) aircraft are available which could easily land in the area.

But the dike is the key. It's a large key as keys go, stretching around the big lake and rising as high as 45 1/2 feet above mean sea level and more than 250 feet thick at the base in some places.

Corps District Engineer Bud Pritchett, whose headquarters are in Clewiston, said the dike was designed with a 1:3 slope on the landside and a slope on the lakeside ranging from 1.5 to 1.8.

Pritchett said the gentler slope on the lakeside of the dike is designed to allow waves to roll up the levee and fall back, rather than the beating action waves have against a steeper surface.

Carroll White, the water management officer for the

• The maximum probable hurricane which occurs with the lake at top of conservation pool (17.5 feet). This is concerned primarily with damage by wind.

• A standard project hurricane with the lake at the highest 30-day average stage with a 100-year flood (21.2 feet). This is concerned primarily with water damage.

• A moderate hurricane with the lake at the highest 30 day average stage resulting from a standard project flood (23.5 feet). This is also primarily concerned with water.

the wave rump (the action of a wave riding up the slope of the levee before it washes back down).

On the other hand, the Corps' idea of a "maximum probable hurricane" is one, according to White, with winds with an hourly lakewide average velocity of 90 miles per hour, a central barometric pressure of 26.75 inches and a radius of maximum winds of 13 miles.

Those parameters can be compared to the highest estimated wind velocity of 160 miles per hour, 27.87 inches of mercury and an eye 25 miles in diameter for the 1928 hurricane.

White said the Corps'

"But I don't know where these figures stack up on that curve."

And the question comes back to the key; will Herbert Hoover Dike hold? As Carroll White pointed out, the dike has held. It has already been tested and has so far passed, not with flying colors and an excellent grade but it did what it was designed to do.

In 1949, when a hurricane packing winds of 140 miles an hour stalled on Lake Okeechobee for several hours, the water rose from 13.8 to more than 24 feet and waves crashed against the dike for several hours, damaging a 3,000 foot section in the Bacom Point area.

But the dike held. The same question, will the dike hold, was recently asked of Pritchett and Robert Pearce, chief of operations for the Corps' Clewiston office.

"We're fairly confident it will withstand anything that will come at all," Pearce said. "We have to. We live here too."

"Still," Pritchett pointed out to the group of Belle Glade city officials asking what was going to happen to a flooding Municipal Marina. "anything man can build, nature can tear asunder."



THE HIGH WATER level in Lake Okeechobee now, as shown above at the Belle Glade Marina, can be compared to September 16, 1928. In the picture below, bodies are burned following the hurricane of 50 years ago.



Two family members survive

When the wind blows hard, it still makes Mrs. Helen McCormick nervous. And well she might be because 50 years ago, she clung to the floor of her home in the darkness and terror of a stormy night, exhausted and cold, and not knowing what had become of the other 18 people who had gathered at her home to wait out the storm.

This is her story as she remembers it:

On Saturday before the hurricane we had word the hurricane was passing us by. On Sunday morning my Uncle Ray went to town and came back with the word that it would hit at any minute. So my stepfather (Pat Burke) asked my mother what she would like to do, whether she would like to leave or whether she would like to stay.

There was only one way for us to go and that would be up to Okeechobee and on around. We had a Model T Ford, open, then. Mother said she would rather be caught in the house than in the open car, so we stayed. Her sister and her brother, my stepfather's sister and her husband and his brother and his family all came to our house, which made a total of 19 people.

We all spent the day together and had a big meal. The children played as if nothing was wrong and the wind hadn't picked up and then after dark everyone gathered in the living room and were talking about what they would do if they had to leave the house. None seemed to think about the water. Some were going to do this and some were going to do that.

The house was one of the oldest in Belle Glade and had been built on stilts you could drive a Model T car under with the top up. That was on the Hillsboro Canal. But then the house had been cut off the stilts and moved out to the canal that runs...well, it's the prison farm property now...and just sat it down on mud sills.

Well, it slipped off the mud sills first and we began to notice water coming from under the door. So my stepfather had put springs on the rafters...the house wasn't sealed...so they began to cut through the roof. It had shingles and boards close together and metal on the top. And when they got it cut through, we floated the piano underneath the hole and climbed onto the roof. They cut the roof with an ax...cut part way through from the inside then somebody swung up onto the roof and cut the rest of the way from the outside. It was quite a job.

It seems like people are like cattle. They all gather

together in a small group. My brother and myself were laying across the roof with our arms across the pitch of the roof. It was pitch dark. The wind was blowing hard. I didn't notice the sound too much; I was busy calling my mother every few minutes.

My mother and my stepfather and my baby brother were on the kitchen part. When they had moved the house they had cut the kitchen off and then nailed it back together. I found out later the kitchen tore off before the house was turned upside down. Which put my stepfather and my mother and my baby brother in the water first. I thought I had slipped off the roof, that's all I thought that had happened. But then as I got into the water, I felt the last arm of my coat come off my hand. I hadn't felt any of the rest (of the coat) come off; I guess in the rush of going into the water. Then I could feel things coming down around me. My stepfather had told me that if something hits you under the water, it won't hurt as much as it would if you were above, so I just stayed submerged.

Just about lived in the water, anyway. And when it settled down (the house), I surfaced and the force of the water swept me into the house. I found out the next morning I was standing on the roof (the ceiling inside the house). The water had covered everything else. When my stepfather came up, he slid up on the floor. That's the reason I said he was in the water first. When he came up, it (the water) was as high as the house was.

The water came in one big wave. I think they said it was 11 feet out there. The only thing I remember, and I'm sure it was my family coming down in the water beside me. When something comes down beside you in the water, you can feel it, you know. But then I still thought everyone was still up on the roof. I was just hanging on. The water was breaking over my head and I was standing on the roof inside the house. (Remember that the darkness and the fury of the wind were confusing and it is completely understandable that Mrs. McCormick believed the house was still upright, not that it had turned over and had thrown her family members into the tidal wave to be swept away.)

And then of course, as the water spread out it went down. Soon it was down around my ankles. I had on a boiled dress with a pair of my stepfather's boot pants on. It was beating me to death. I became so exhausted I couldn't hang on anymore. I felt around the

house. I found out the next morning I stepped through the front door and leaned back against the house and I could hear, like, somebody stomping up above. So I started to scream and scream but nobody heard me so I went back to where I had been before.

I stayed there until between the rain and the wind and the cold and the hanging I couldn't take it anymore so I went back to the door. That time when I screamed I was heard and he swung down. He (her stepfather Pat Burke) told me the house was upside down, which meant everybody was in the water.

Everyone could swim except the very tiny ones. My baby brother couldn't swim and my mother's sister's husband couldn't swim...he was scared of the water.

So we stayed there way up into the day the next day until we could see where we were. It was like being in Lake Okeechobee, there were no landmarks to tell you. Our house was real close to the canal so after it got down we could see there was a tractor right under the edge of the house.

He said, "If that's my tractor, I know which direction I parked it in" and said, "Helen, if we get into that canal, we're gonna drown. We've been in the water all night and we're just too weak." So when it went down and we could see the tractor, we could see it was his. We decided to walk across to the railroad track to Pahokee and then back down it to Belle Glade.

So that's what we did. The railroad track rails were just twisted like you would take copper wire and twist it. There was such force to the water.

When we got back even to the house on the Pahokee road there was some colored man with some white children...small white children...my stepfather asked me if any of them were ours and I looked at them and told him none of them belonged to us. So he brought me on in to Tedder's Hotel. Then he went to check the dead that had been brought in and started looking for my family.

We stayed there all day Monday. It was Monday when we came in. All day Monday and Tuesday we walked out to about where the Experiment Station is and a truck picked us up and took us to West Palm Beach. The water was still all over the land—I don't know how deep it was. A barge was there and I jumped up on the barge and fell and skinned my leg from my knee to my ankle.

He took me to Mrs. Holloway to take me out of here. She was a very dear

friend and her daughter was my best friend. We went out to Chosen to her place and her house was intact but it had washed the stairway completely out, it had come through with such force.

We piled some things up and climbed up to the second floor and got some of Thelma's clothes and Mrs. Holloway divided them between us. She told my stepfather she would take us to Mr. Holloway's brother and when she got to West Palm Beach, she sent a telegram to my grandmother and told her everyone was lost except my stepfather and I.

There was no place for us in West Palm Beach so we went on to Miami. Once we got started, she told the man to stop and that we were all right, but when we stopped, they wouldn't let us go on any further. So my grandmother got a couple of men to come with her and a lady, and we came back to West Palm Beach.

The men went outside that night to smoke and I heard them say Pat was going to send his stepdaughter to Boynton to stay with the Holloways. Mrs. Holloway came and told my grandmother she would take me with her to Boynton to stay until Pat came to get me.

She didn't want to let me

ACCURATE DAMAGE ESTIMATES to property were never fully determined, but destruction to personal property as well as lives was tremendous.

go but she almost had to. Later she took me back to Nochatee, where I was born.

My stepfather stayed here until he found all of them. He stayed and they would order him out of the area but he would walk away from the hotel in West Palm Beach and a truck driver would pick him up.

I don't know where the bodies were found. He would never talk about it.

He never told me. He did say he found them all before he left here. And I don't know how many more. Undoubtedly it was pretty dreadful.

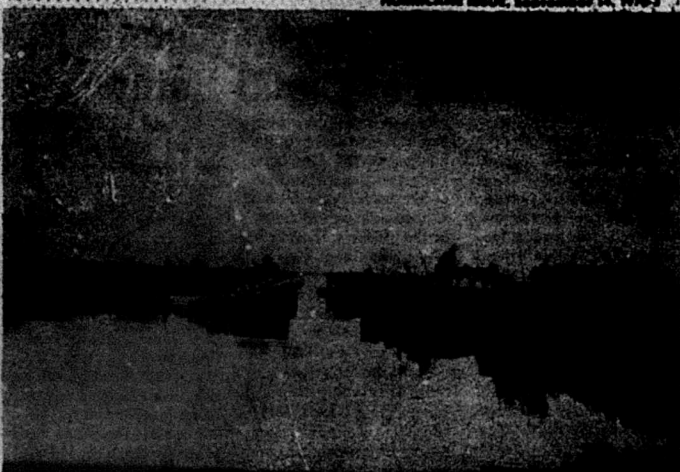
I came back to Belle Glade in 1935. I went to school in Arcadia and married when I was 17. It was during the depression. He (Pat) finally sent a truck over there to bring me and my husband and my baby back to Belle Glade. I've been here ever since.



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THE SOUTH BAY LOCKS were destroyed by the water, but the barge in the background saved many lives.

Dike damaged in 1949

On August 27, 1949, the Herbert Hoover Dike "proved itself," according to newspaper accounts and the Army Corps of Engineers.

A hurricane containing sustained winds of 140 miles per hour swept by on a path much the same as that in 1928, creating a "wind tide" of 12.5 feet.

But the dike was battered by waves and eroded over

half way through, according to the reports. The Corps said the worst damage occurred between Pahokee and Belle Glade near Racoon Point, where a circular current was created because of Torry and Kramer Islands to the immediate south.

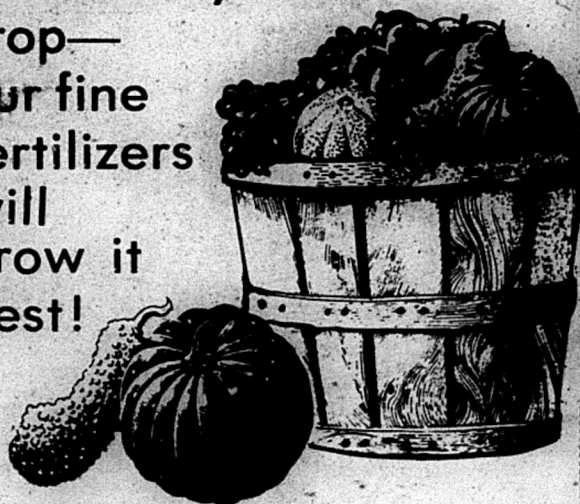
At its worst point, the "bite" into the dike extended 36 feet into the earthen structure. Another 34

feet remained until the dike would have been completely eroded.

The Corps concluded that the same amount of protection remained as that which was eroded. They also noted the water lapped over eight feet of running over the dike.

During the hurricane in 1949, the lake level was less than 18.5 feet.

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Louis Goolsby gives account of the storm at Canal Point

On the morning of September 16, 1928, at eight o'clock the official level of Lake Okeechobee at Canal Point, Palm Beach County, stood at 16.55 feet (above sea level). This reading was established by this writer, who received a \$20 monthly check for my services in keeping a daily record of lake levels as a part-time function for the United States Corps of Engineers.

Having been married only about a year (51 years ago July 22, 1978) and making a good salary as mechanical (and only) employee of the 4-year-old Everglades News, edited by its founder, Howard Sharp, I was very much concerned with the physical and political problems of the Lake Okeechobee area. I had come to Canal Point in 1924 from Fort Myers, where I was earning \$22 a week on the old Fort Myers (daily) Tropical News, to work for Howard Sharp at the unheard of salary of \$50 a week, later cut to pay for stock interest in the business. Sharp had established The Everglades News as a device to get away from the winter tourists in West Palm Beach where he had been business manager of the Palm Beach Post. Sharp was a brilliant man, mean as hell, a hard taskmaster, and almost totally and individually responsible for the eventual building of the Lake Okeechobee levee system. As employer and employee, our relationship was often at razor-edge crisis; we literally sometimes went for a week without speaking, while living in the same above-shop sleeping apartment and eating at the same restaurant.

On the morning of the "great hurricane" of 1928, I took a picture of Mr. Sharp on the drawbridge at Canal Point about eight o'clock in the morning. The breeze was estimated at about eighteen miles per hour from the north, and we had been warned of a tropical disturbance approaching from the south-east coast. Gray skies and scudding clouds warned of heavier weather to come and, as always, some of our more cautious neighbors had "lit out" for Georgia and more northern areas to escape the blow.

My wife, the former Lois Oliver of Gainesville, and I were living in the second floor of a "toothpick" apartment in Canal Point, north of West Palm Beach Canal, and we decided to join some of her school teacher friends in a county "teacherage" building south of the canal on the road to Pahokee. My father, Charles H. Goolsby,

who had come over from Fort Myers to complete the building of the Methodist Church in Canal Point and to construct a home for me and my bride, was boarding at the pastor's, Rev. and Mrs. Filly, and had his Model T Ford (later blown over) parked on the "ridge" a few blocks north of the bridge over West Palm Beach Canal where it enters Lake Okeechobee.

Toward evening the wind had increased appreciably and by "good dark" most people had sought shelter and we anxiously awaited further developments. As I recall, radio communications were incomplete or uninformative, so no real assessment of the storm's severity or extent was possible.

In the "teacherage" we were huddled in various rooms of the new, substantially built 2-story structure, using candles or kerosene lamps for some illumination, listening apprehensively to the ever increasing roar of the storm. A large fireplace and chimney acted as an enormous whistle, drowning out conversation and producing a horrible sounding roar of giant proportions. None of the dozen or more persons seeking mutual security had ever experienced such a violent demonstration of nature and we all responded as best we could to the situation. We all felt fearful for people we knew were much more seriously exposed to the torrential rain and incalculable force of the wind we heard.

After what seemed an interminable time (two or three hours), the wind suddenly subsided to a dead calm and we walked out of the house in pitch darkness into what we later knew was the "eye" of the hurricane. Luckily for us but not for many others, we were able to "duck" back into the house when the wind picked up in the opposite direction to regain hurricane strength in a few short minutes.

By daylight the wind had subsided and the sun came out to reveal the tragedy of a twisted and drowned earth along the eastern and southern shores of Lake Okeechobee. Huge chunks of muck which had constituted a primitive lakeshore dike, had been floated and blown all over the area between Pahokee and Belle Glade, and dozens of people who had lived back of the "dike" and lakeshore "ridge" were lost forever while hundreds more were later gathered up like cordwood and buried in mass graves on the East Coast.

The roof was blown off the new house my father was building for me and it seemed "forever" for everything to dry out to normal. A skylight was blown out at the plant of the Everglades News and I spent much time between cleaning up and "fording" Conners Highway between Canal Point and West Palm Beach where we printed the Everglades News from the shop of Joe Earman's Palm Beach Independent for several weeks. The water was so high over the road along West Palm Beach Canal one could only keep his car on the road by guidance of the fringe of high weeds on each side of the road. You draped your raincoat over the car's radiator and pushed the water in front of you and if you stopped it was just too bad.

I was told the wind gauge at the U.S. Cane Breeding Station at Canal Point clocked 150 miles per hour before it blew away and many other facts and fiction have embellished the story of the 1928 hurricane.

George Tucker was born that night in Canal Point as the son of (Mrs.) Ruby and the late "Duke" Tucker and I used to think of him as "Hurricane Pete" although I left "the Glades" long before he grew up.

Some of us on "East Beach" who were there in 1926 when Miami and Moore Haven were badly damaged in that hurricane, were conscious of what damage a hurricane could do, but we never counted on the physical factors that caused the havoc in the areas south of Pahokee, most of which occurred as the wind changed direction when the "eye" of the circular disturbance passed over the area. As the wind blew south, pushing water from the big saucer of Lake Okeechobee through and over the flimsy dikes at Belle Glade, Lake Harbor and South Bay, many houses and people were blown out into the "glades" to perish from drowning and exposure. When the wind reversed itself, much of the water that had overspilled on the south shore was forced northward back of the lakeshore ridge running north and south. This backwash trapped many people on low land all the way from Chose to Pahokee and bodies were found for months in the fields or roadside canals.

Fifty years would seem an adequate time in which to test the efficiency of the federal levee project. Let us hope it may be a hundred before it is needed; and if I am here I would like to write a story about it.

Simmons helps clean up

Fred Simmons rode out the hurricane in the Pahokee schoolhouse and participated in the cleanup for three weeks afterward.

As an employee of a lumberyard in Pahokee, it fell

to him to maintain records of lumber being used by five carpenters to build caskets for the dead. The assembly line construction of these caskets took only a few minutes for one to be built.

He said he had come to the Glades to stay only a few months. He wound up staying over 50 years and now makes his home on the coast. This is his story.

On the Sunday afternoon of September 16, 1928 at 4:30 p.m. we received a radio news report that the hurricane which had been off the Florida coast for several days was coming in over Palm Beach, with winds of 175 miles per hour and that it was traveling in a westerly direction at 10 miles per hour. We realized that we could expect this storm to be at Belle Glade and Pahokee within three to four hours. The center of the storm did hit Pahokee at 9:30 p.m. with winds of 160 miles per hour.

After we received the radio message, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Elliott, with whom I was staying at their rooming house on Main Street in Pahokee, informed us that they and their family were going to the new high school building and stay until the storm

had passed over. They hoped that we would go with them as they did not know if the house could stand this storm. We all agreed to go where we felt we would be safe. I spent the night in the school building where we did spend the night safely. We mopped water from the floors all night in order to make it more comfortable for the women and children. As far as I know, no one was injured or hurt in any way that night at the school. It was a horrible experience and we were a nervous and scared group of people.

On Monday morning I worked with a group helping those people who had spent the night in their homes. The water had risen four feet into some houses. We helped them get out and over to the school through the water.

On Tuesday morning, I started delivering lumber to the Red Cross to build caskets to bury the dead. The lumber company I worked for had just received a huge shipment of ten-inch boards and these were piled in a tangle on Main Street. We untangled them and they were used for caskets.

I also carried a load of la-



THE ROAD TO BELLE GLADE from Pahokee took three days to clear with crews working in both directions.

borers out to the road between Pahokee and Belle Glade each morning. It took three days to clear this road even though Belle Glade had crews working from the other end.

On the trips I saw many dead bodies anchored to the road which had been brought there from the swamps where they had drowned. I understand that over 200 people lost their lives in this area.

I spent the next three weeks helping to clean up after the storm in the Pahokee area and had the pleasure of spending three days in West Palm Beach afterwards, which was a great relief from this terrible tragedy.

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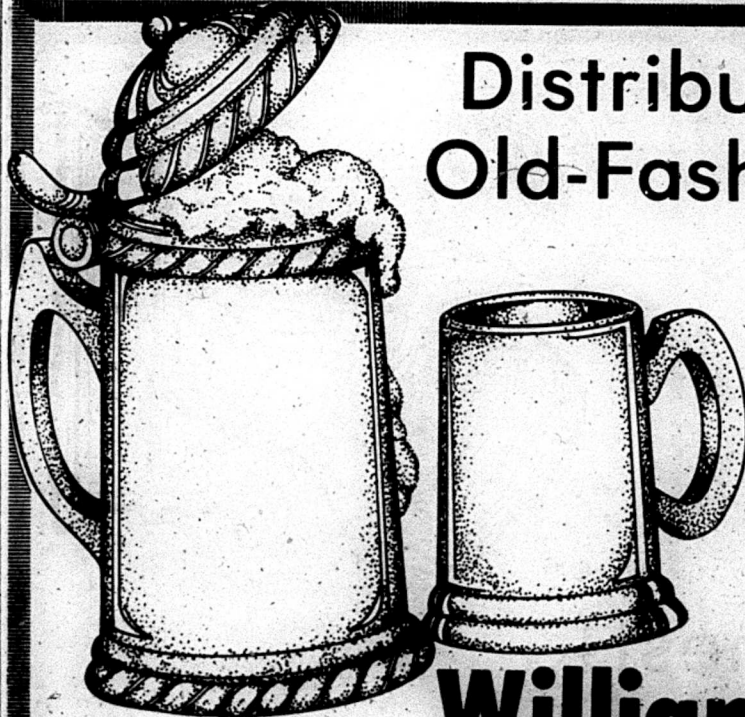
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Only half survive packing house disaster

Of the 22 or 23 people who sought refuge in a packing house near Chosen on September 16, 1928, only 11 survived. One of these was Fred Annapu, who still lives in Belle Glade.

Annapu arrived at the packing house in the company of several other men and young women who had been together on Torrey Island the Sunday afternoon of the storm.

This is his account of the disaster, told in his own words:

It was that afternoon, Sunday afternoon, I think well that wind was blowing off the northwest. We were living over there on the island by where the golf course is now. I used to own that land over there. Hubb Spooner's got the place now. We had a house built first, west of where Hubb Spooner is, a two-story house. It was complete and we had just moved into it. We had also built a packing house right where Hubb Spooner is. Well, anyhow, the wind was blowing out of the northwest and it was picking up a little bit more each time and Cliff Councilman, he was sorta the foreman out on the island, he had taken his family over to the West Store (by January's now). Councilman was

coming over there and he told me, "Freddy, them people at the island and Chosen got word that the storm was definitely heading this way and there was no ifs or maybes about it," and he said, "You wanna go over with me? We'll notify them and see if we can get them out." And well, I wasn't as old as I am now, so anyhow, Councilman thought of other people, you know, so he'd taken his folks down to the store and put them in. So I went over there with him. Well, we no more got to the Norries than the Winnies were already going out. The Winnies lived across the creek from the Norris place and Mr. Cromar lived on the corner in a house on stilts. We tried to make him come with us and he must have known what he was talking about. He and the Good Lord must have had a combat in there. What we didn't know was that the water had come and that Bradik had cleared away the custard apple trees from the Kramers' place this way along the road. On the way a bunch of custard apple trees were just laying there after they were cut down. These custard apple trees had kind of a pulpy root and were very floatable.

As we were progressing and just as we got to the west end of the golf course the water had risen above the road. The hyacinths were so thick; anyhow, our house was on the dike path which was quite a ways from the packing house. There were about 23 of us in the group at that time. We were going into our place, but the dad-blamed dike had busted and we couldn't get across to the house.

So we decided to go on to the packing house, which was new and pretty well built and strong; it also had a tin roof on it. The hyacinths and water were so bad we were all tucked out by the time we reached the packing house. We were all so worn out that there was no hope for us to go on.

We all went into the packing house, all but Mr. Councilman; he wanted to get back to his family at West's Store. Afterwards when I saw him he said he barely made it across the bridge before the water took the bridge with it. He made it to the store.

The water and waves kept coming up so us men-folk fixed up a way for the women and kids to get up to the top of the packing house. After awhile all hell

broke loose -- the custard apple trees and the force of the water and waves were just like battering rams. It didn't take long before the packing house went down and it was pitch dark.

A rafter slid down and hit me. It broke my belt and tore my dad-blamed britches from me. You couldn't see anything. Then it was everybody for themselves. There were some hard people there that had been through some rough times, but in a case like that you would be surprised how many people will break down and pray and holler and scream.

We were all on our own and we didn't know where we were. We just drifted along with the tide. We were just floating. I had a girl I was going with over there. I married her later and had two children. I was with her all the time. I found a board and threw her on that. I was a pretty good swimmer in those days and anyway we were drifting along and a custard apple tree come by so we switched over to the tree because it floated better than the board. Then a little ole bundle of them floated by so we just kept on switching trees.

Al and Esther Kirchman were with us and Al took

care of Esther. Anyhow, it was a miracle how it happened, but all of a sudden a wave tore me loose from my wife so I was diving down in the water trying to find her and got ahold of somebody and dragged them up on the custard apple tree but found out it wasn't her. So I dove down there again and finally found her. I don't know now how in the heck I found her. I know she was full of water. So I got her up on the custard apple and hit her on the back. I was hoping I could get enough of the water out. It was a miracle she survived. Then I got in another jam on a bunch of custard apples. That danged thing got ahold of me and that bunch of trees just started turning me around and under. It pulled me through the water just like a wringer washer machine. I had a heck of a time, but I got out.

Anyhow, I got out and we all wound up at Holloway's dredge just the other side of the pumphouse. There were seven of us there: Paul Cherry, Ralph Cherry, Al Kirchman, Elizabeth Benard, Esther Benard. I can't remember the rest, but we stayed there until close to daylight. I told Al that I got to get away from here. I don't have any

damn clothes on from the waist down.

It would be a hell of a thing for the lady folks to see. I said, let's go up here to the pumphouse and see if we can find some way to get out.

So we looked around to see if we could find a rope or something and found a chain way up there. I don't know how we cut it but we cut that thing anyway. I wrapped it around my waist and swam across and tied the other end to a tree so that the rest could get across. I went on down to Joe Cherry's and Joe let me have a pair of old riding britches.

Mrs. Farnasary wound up at the Florida East Coast Depot. Mrs. Nernard wound up about where the sugar mill is today and Dick Cherry (one of the Cherry boys), he went further than anyone -- he wound up at 6-mile bend.

We were just 50-50, eleven of us made it and eleven didn't. The first thing we did after the storm was over, we started looking for bodies. We went to salvaging farm equipment and in the meantime we went to looking for a place to put up some of the folks.

The worst thing was after
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Search for bodies ends

The search for bodies of those killed in the 1928 hurricane ended the week of November 2.

Between October 19 and 30, 90 additional bodies had been recovered by workers wading and boating through the still-flooded portions of the Glades east and south of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pelican Lake.

By this time, positive identification of the bodies was all but impossible. It was almost impossible to tell blacks from whites.

Jacksonville citizens had donated \$2,000 shortly after the storm for use by those searching for the dead and these funds had been used up.

During this period, squads of blacks led by Dr. Arms and Captain F.A. Safay of the state militia, T.W. Cranford and Henry Larimore of Pahokee and L.H. Stallings and B.C. Parker of Belle Glade combed the area.

Most of the bodies were burned; some, however, were shipped to West Palm to be buried and others were buried where they lay. Crude oil and wood were stacked around those being burned.

But as late as December 21, the Everglades News reported bodies were still being found. While stand-

ing on the bank of a canal in Chosen, policeman J.F. Akin of Palm Beach lost his balance and fell in. Upon surfacing, he came upon a body caught under some water hyacinths.

Akin and Walter Puckett disentangled the remains,

which were unrecognizable, and notified some people living nearby. They were told still another body had been found in the same canal a few days before.

For years afterward, farmers would come upon skeletons of people killed during the 1928 hurricane

FOLLOWING THE HURRICANE, many people were recruited in the search for bodies. Boats were used to collect the dead.

Half survive—

(Continued from Page 6) that thing (the hurricane) was over with in a few days, things got to smelling pretty bad.

The experiment station drove a well a few years before, they wanted an Artesian well. The water tasted like Epson Salt, that was the most awful stuff. We got our eats down at the hotel — Fears Hotel. They cooked up stuff with that water and the food would taste just like the smell outside. That was really a good

place to go on a diet. Yeah, that was really a rough time. The roads were all torn up and you couldn't get anywhere except by walking.

Finally things kept getting better and better, but I was one of those who went through the whole storm in the open. The only time I was inside was when we were in the packing house, and that didn't last long!

We were out in the dang storm fighting for our lives all night long just to keep alive.

Storm hits and destroys poll records

The hurricane struck in the middle of a hot political contest and precinct books were lost at Pahokee, Canal Point, Belle Glade, South Bay, Chosen and Ritta.

Supervisor J.L. Grier asked all people in those districts to come to his office to register. The books were closed out October 14.



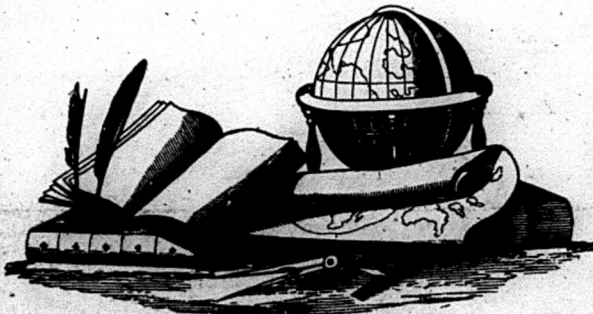
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The "one-two punch" ...freeze and hurricane

Walter Greer has often been called the Father of Belle Glade. His son, James L. of 606 South Main, rode out the 1928 hurricane with 250 others in a messhall at Brown's Farm.

He first came here in 1916 and has been in the area ever since. Retired now, he has been a farmer, worked for the state, and was a contractor. Among the buildings he constructed still in Belle Glade are Tedder's Hotel (now Fear's Hotel on Main Street), the Belle Glade Herald building, and the original prison.

He notes the "one-two" punch this area received in 1928. On New Year's Day, the worst freeze in history struck, killing the crops and causing great hardships to the Glades' fledgling agriculture. Then, nine months later, the hurricane struck. This is his story in his own words.

The Freeze

I was with the original Brown's Company. One of the first employees. We grew potatoes and peanuts, but mostly potatoes. The freeze happened on New Year's night, 1927-28. "It was freezing" by dark and there wasn't any protection from cold weather to speak of except the Brown Company pumping stations.

They had built five stations to pump water and we started to pump that night and continued all day long.

The next morning we read the thermometer and found it was seven degrees. We kept pumping all day until 1:00 when we cut the water off. There was ice, but we saved over half the crop and would have saved more if it had not been for the irregularity of the water.

All the farmers were frozen out before that freeze left the county. We had 500 acres under sprinklers and the water from the pumps was full of muck and all we had to strain it constantly.

We had men out that whole night. To my knowledge, that's the coldest weather we've ever had in this county...at least, in the 62 years I've been here.

The Hurricane

I was a mechanic at Brown's Farm and was on the farm when the hurricane hit. I had the only radio at the farm, one of the three in this county, and had it tuned to a weather station and I kept track of it during the morning. The wind had gotten up pretty high by 9:00 Sunday morning.

Around 4:00 in the evening, the wind had gotten

pretty close to 100 mph. Superintendent Pop Lloyd came down and told us we should go listen to the radio. All day long the station had been telling us the storm was off the coast and was going northeast. They said it was no threat to Florida other than what we were having now.

I kept telling them I had been through several of them (hurricanes). It was a big radio, about six feet long and with nine dials on it and when I turned it on, the weatherman said the storm had hit West Palm Beach and was raising hell.

About that time, my antenna blew away and we didn't have any more radio. So we began to button down and get everything closed up. We had a power plant there and the poles began to blow down so we cut the wires to save the poles. But the wind blew us down as well as the poles and we had to get inside it got so bad.

I went into several houses and opened the windows on the off side to the wind to equalize the pressure so they wouldn't blow away. It turned out I saved all of us. For some reason or other, I don't know why, the weather vane at the experiment station blew away but it read 180 mph before it did.

I don't know how much higher it (the wind) got. That was the last reading on it.

We had a big messhall there (at Brown's Farm) that was 100 feet square and was on pilings and real high. The water got up to the floor on it and it was six feet in the air. The wind blew the water out of the lake down that far. The wind was building higher and higher and we thought every time it was going to blow the building over. You could feel the pilings rocking. I don't know how deep the pilings were, but they were set on rock. But it held together somehow and we had around 250 people in the building. That was everybody on the farm except a few in other sheds.

The wind got so high...I never knew it before but I found out...that if you get enough wind pressure, it affects your ears. I got so bad you couldn't hear yourself talk. I could put my hand around my ear and over my mouth and holler and I could barely hear myself. It affects your eardrums. My brother's ears never did get right.

We rode it out there but I knew that in Belle Glade it was really rough...because of the direction of the wind. We got a wall of water

down there before Belle Glade got it. That was 15 miles southeast of town. (Mr. Greer is probably referring to the fact water between Brown's Farm and Belle Glade was blown to the farm while the levee at Belle Glade held the water back until it broke, sending a wall through the city.)

The wind came almost directly out of the north to start with and blew the water south. Then when it changed around to the west, it blew the water over Belle Glade. But we had already gotten over six feet of water down there before it reached here. It blew it around us. There was ten or twelve feet of water standing in Belle Glade. It came out of that lake 25 feet high. A lot of people refuse to believe it, but I went out and found debris...the only trees standing were old rubber trees...found debris 25 feet high in their branches. The rubber trees had a massive root system and they withstood it. The debris were 25 feet high and the water had to put them there. All the custard apple trees and everything else, except those rubber trees, blew away.

It took the rubber trees back to the northeast (of Belle Glade) to prove the water came from the south.



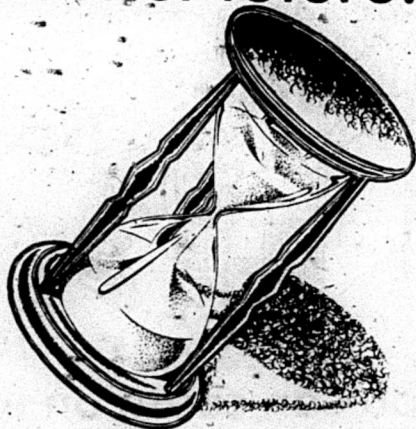
IT WAS COLD on New Year's eve, 1927, as the icicles this man is holding prove

west. It came out of the lake directly and piled trees six or eight miles northeast of us. Bodies all through those trees. We never did get them all. They recorded 2,500 but there were a lot more than that. A lot of them were burned and we never found a lot. Found a lot of skeletons two or three years after.

After the storm was over Sunday night, Monday

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The one-two punch

(Continued from Page 8) morning my two brothers went to Belle Glade. The wind was still blowing 60 or 70 mph and the water was still five or six feet deep and over the road in most places. We got along the edges of the road grade and they worked their way up there. It took all day. By the time they reached Belle Glade, people were leaving for West Palm Beach, or what was left of them. It was three days before I got the real word on what had happened. How bad it was. I knew it was bad.

Whole families, some lucky few, took advantage of Tedder's Hotel. My father-in-law and I had built it the year before. Tedder had built it to withstand a hurricane...he had been through the 1926 hurricane...those were the only plans and specifications he had: "Just build it to withstand a hurricane." It's still there.

In building it, 3/4 inch rods ran through the beams to the bottom through both walls to the top and the roof and were bolted down. That's the only reason that hotel withstood the storm. Everything else was pretty much wrecked. There were over 200 people in there. My family, my mother and father, two sisters and three brothers rode it out in the hotel.

During those three days (before Greer saw Belle Glade) we gathered up the boats and stuff we had on the farm and tried to put it back together. We had a big yacht down there and it went a couple of miles and other boats were scattered. I was in charge of the shops and all and it was my place to try to get things back together. Beside that, the water was so high and all you had to walk anywhere. I had my wife and son with me.

We had at least four feet of water at the farm for two or three weeks. Only the houses were saved. It filled up our canals and ditches so you couldn't tell they were there. We had all that to repair, building damage, everything. We didn't have any crops because it was September and just before planting. It took a good month before we could plant.

The people in the mess-hall stayed. Some got out after a week or so. There were a few women...my wife, my secretary and a potato farmer's wife. She (the potato farmer's wife) said that night she was glad she was here. She had always wanted to see a hurricane. Boy, when that storm was over she said she was getting out and she would never come back!

A friend of mine and I had a pint of whiskey in the same place the radio was. During the night when the

wind got down to maybe 90 or 100 mph, we decided we'd go get that whiskey. It was rolled up in a mattress with the radio and I had wired it up by wrapping wire around it. So we got out and got behind the ditchbank. When we got there, there wasn't any house. It just disappeared.

My brother-in-law and another man had taken their cars, a Buick and a Rio, and tied a chain around the bumpers on the road grade six feet up to keep them from blowing away. We got out there, didn't have much light, all we had was a little flashlight, and finally found my house. It had jumped up and landed right on their cars and mashed them flat. We found my bed up on the road with the mattress still on it and we took the whiskey and had a couple of nips out of the bottle, then went back to the messhall.

We made the mistake of showing it to this woman and she turned it up and drank every bit of our whiskey. It was the woman who had wanted to see a hurricane.

We had livestock and they were all gone. The wildlife that could climb trees rode it out and the rest was killed. There were snakes that tried to get into the houses, chicken snakes and all like them. The bigger snakes rode it out pretty well.

It took us awhile to clean up the farm equipment. Mostly we just had to get the water and mud out of it.

The weight of the 250 people in the messhall had a lot to do with all of us riding it through. We had a kitchen, dining room and all of them gathered into the corner where the wind was hitting and that had a lot to do with holding the building down. I think that went a long way toward saving us. Every time the wind would blast, it would shake the whole building. I didn't see how it stayed down some of the time. As the wind shifted around, we shifted the people around.

When the wind changed, my brother and I and three others went out the southeast door and got out to check some of the houses. Then we heard it coming back and ran for the door. We barely made it and we had to have some others help hold the door. The eye of the hurricane had passed right over us. It turned almost light. That was at about 2:00 a.m. It didn't subside until daylight...or what would have been daylight. We had nearly 60 or 70 mph winds for nearly three days before it ever turned off.

Then they began to gather bodies. It took boats to find them but many people waded. They would find the bodies and drag them in...then we started to burn

them. They would be burned where they were found. There were 120 bodies burned right here (in downtown Belle Glade). Another 87 were burned right out in front of the state prison or in that area. A whole truckload was taken to Miami but they refused them because of the condition of the bodies. They were brought back here and burned.

We didn't have anybody killed at Brown's Farm. Even in Belle Glade, most of them would have been able to stand the wind if it had not been for the water. Freddy Anapol and Al Kirchner and some others had gone out to the islands to visit their girlfriends. Noah Smith was with them. But it got bad. They had an old station wagon and they started back in it but found the bridge washed out. Then the wall of water hit them. The ones that stayed in the station wagon while the others went to look for the bridge drowned. The others were washed out in a smoketack of a dredge Holloway had out there. That's what saved them.

Surprisingly, the government was going to declare it a disaster area, but the people vetoed that because they were going to rebuild and all. The Red Cross came in and donated a lot of money for rebuilding. The hurricane didn't seem to have much effect on people as far as staying in the area. My family had been through several of them. The first was in 1915 when one hit Miami and put four feet of water up the streets.

If they had had as much wind in Moore Haven in 1926 as we had in '28, it would have wiped Moore Haven right off the map. Even so, 480 people were killed over there. (Montlake Media produced a hurricane anniversary section on the 1926 hurricane in Moore Haven two years ago. Research indicated the wind there was between 125 and 150 mph. Copies of this are available through the Glades County Jaycees.)

I guess the Schlechter family and the Burke family lost the most. Familywise. [Editor's Note: This is true among the whites of the area; but among the blacks, whole families were entirely wiped out.] In the Burke family, 17 out of 19 were killed. (See the story of Helen McCormick, stepdaughter of Pat Burke and one of the two survivors in this family.) My whole family came through it all right. They all rode it out in the hotel we had built the year before.

My sister and her friend had gone to the Riddel Hotel but it blew apart. That's before the water got to it. My father-in-law planned to go get them and then that wall of water came. It hit him and he grabbed an

iron pole and after the first rush of water went by, he managed to get into the hotel. That's the closest call we had.

My sister and brother-in-law at the Brown's Farm got into a big steel shed instead of the messhall. Two or three dozen men were there with them. They had two or three carloads of lime in there with them when the shed blew away. They got behind that lime and that's what saved them. They stayed there until the eye, then they came to the messhall.

Some were relieved by storm

Along with the other disruptions, the hurricane of 1928 wiped the slate clean for at least one man.

Justice of the Peace T.M. Rickards announced so many witnesses had been killed in the storm that it was impossible to hold a trial in the case of Freeman Smith.

Smith had been accused of assaulting a young black girl and the witnesses against him were also black.

Charges against him had to be dropped.

Railroads issued passes to victims of the storm

Free transportation was granted to 1,346 storm refugees by J.M. Stovall of the railroad transportation committee following the hurricane.

Of the 1,346 people, almost 900 were whites. Passes were issued to all parts of the country and a few to Canada.

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Dr. Buck was storm hero

It is indeed fortunate for the people of Belle Glade that Dr. William J. Buck moved his practice from the coast into the Glades during the winter of 1927-28.

It was fortunate because he was a doctor and the founder of the local American Legion, which became the principal early work force following the storm.

In his book *From Swamp to Sugar Bowl*, historian Lawrence Will noted Dr. Buck forced an evacuation of women from Belle Glade from the community to West Palm Beach. As Will said, none of them relished the 42-mile walk and the group was "a mad bunch of women."

Since the new town (it had been incorporated in April) of Belle Glade didn't have much in the way of paid employees, Dr. Buck mobilized the Legionnaires, designating them to be foremen and asking them to round up work crews.

First, they undertook to clean the roads and in two days, had cleared the way to South Bay, Chosen and three miles east to the Experiment Station.

Dr. Buck saw to that work, supervised the

searches for survivors and bodies, saw the men were given food and a dry place to sleep, doctored the injured, and perhaps even more important, saw that a ready supply of liquor was available for those handling corpses.

The first rescue groups to arrive in the stricken Glades were Legionnaires, then the Red Cross and shortly afterward, units of the National Guard and Coast Guard.

During the days of the searches and the hard work involved in putting Belle Glade back into a semblance of order, Dr. Buck became the unofficial ruler of the region. Somebody even started a move to have him awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

An example of this would be the following story reprinted from the *Palm Beach Post*. (Oh, by the way. Those "mad women" really didn't have to walk those 42 miles. They called a halt at Six Mile Bend and waited for transportation.)

(Reprinted from the *Palm Beach Post*.)

It was sort of an old town reunion at the Courthouse and Methodist Church refugee centers in West Palm last night

(September 30, 1928) when Dr. William J. Buck, leading physician and surgeon as well as president of the town council of Belle Glade dropped in for friendly calls at those places.

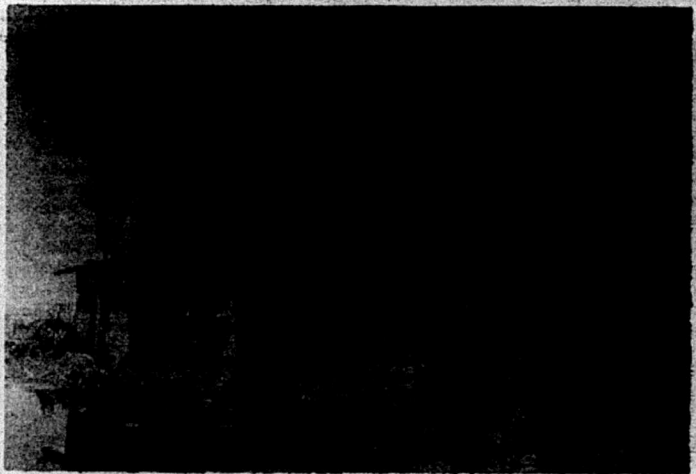
To visualize those meetings, one must remember that many citizens of Belle Glade look on Dr. Buck as the man who individually saved their lives. It being the first time that many of the men, women and children had seen him since the fatal Sunday night when he sent them walking to safety down the country rode at "Six Mile Bend". He was joyfully met.

"Oh, there's Dr. Buck," cried one woman who first recognized the stalwart form of the man who is all but worshipped by many of the Belle Glade refugees. From then on until the end of the little visit it was just one series of exclamations and questions.

"When are we going to be able to return home?"

That was the big question. Those Everglades farmers who suffered hell and came through are ready to go back.

"Give us some shacks; anything in which to live,



MANY HOMES WERE WASHED completely off their foundations during the flood.

so we can all get back," Mrs. E.T. Morris implored.

"I want to get out there and get my planting in before the first frost in December," G.R. Webster told the doctor. "I have a tractor there that soon will be ready to go."

"Hey, doctor," a young farmer who has been going back and forth each day said. "Can't you fix it up so I can go out and stay? I'm getting tired of commuting between Belle Glade and West Palm

Beach."

"Dr. Buck, did you ever think you would get that crowd out of there alive?" one woman asked. "You don't know how bitter we talked about you as we toiled down that road, but we are all thankful to you now."

Mrs. Helen Lanham, owner of the Belle Glade hotel, was fearful that her pet canary was not receiving the best of attention. She was assured that her bird was alive and singing to keep up

the spirits of the community.

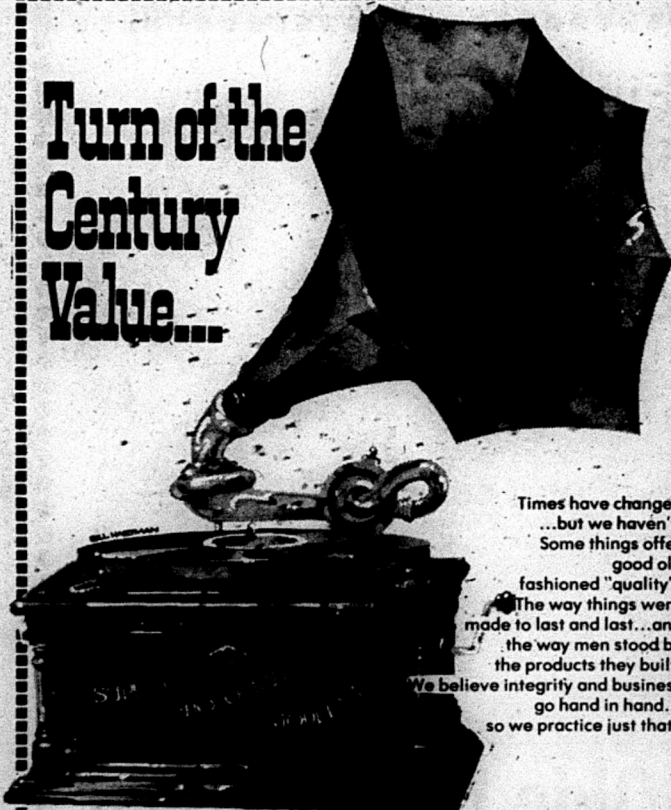
"Well, he is entitled to some lettuce for that," she said. "See if you can't get it for him, doctor."

"You folks keep faith and we will have things ready for you before long," the doctor said.

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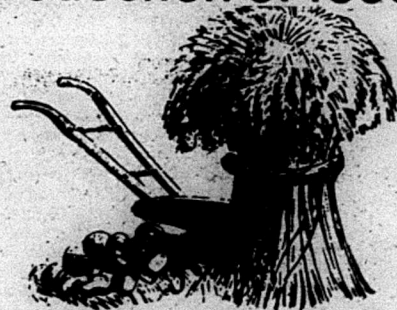
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State officials called hurricane an

Following the hurricane of 1928, Fred C. Elliott, chief drainage engineer for the Everglades Drainage District, was subjected to much vilification by the residents of the Glades and in the press.

It is interesting to note that after the hurricane of 1928, he wrote a letter to the Glades County Democrat explaining his actions. Following the one in 1928, he wrote another letter, this one to the Everglades News.

By F.C. Elliott
Chief Drainage Engineer
During the evening of September 16 and the early hours of September 17, a hurricane of great force visited the Okeechobee section of the Everglades. The general direction of the storm was northwesterly. In the immediate path of the storm, the direction of the wind during the first stage was from the northwest on the northwest side of the storm area, from the northward in the area just ahead of the storm, and from the northward on the western side of the storm path. In its first stage, with the wind coming from northerly directions as above, the duration of

heavy storm winds was from four to six hours, reaching maximum velocity during the hour preceding the lull.

As the storm struck Lake Okeechobee, the general wind direction was from the northward toward the south end of the lake.

In the southeast section of the lake there is a large pocket known as South Bay. The water throughout South Bay is shallow, varying from a few inches along its edge to five to seven feet at distances of five or six miles offshore. Here the water reached its greatest height during the first phase of the storm.

Water levels, as evidenced by marks of all kinds, chiefly wave-deposited debris, indicate the crest reached elevation 26.3 feet. During the week ending prior to the storm, the elevation of the lake ranged from 16.3 to 16.4 feet, which was 1.3 feet above the level designated by the War Department as the desirable minimum.

The day following the storm, the lake stood at 17.3 feet. Land elevations along this section vary generally from 18 feet to

19 feet. Storm waters in the South Bay section of the lake were driven 10 feet above the then lake level.

Near midnight of the 16th, a lull came, indicating the center of vortex of the storm. This lull lasted 40 to 50 minutes in the eastern lake section, according to best information. Following this lull, the wind came in with sudden and violent force from the south and slightly southwest. This was the second phase of the storm. The wind from the south promptly shifted the lake crest from the south end to the north end. Indications are that the lake level reached elevation 26 feet at the north end. The wind from the south reached its maximum intensity in about 30 minutes to one hour after beginning, continuing with great force for three or four hours, then rapidly subsiding.

Along the east shore of Lake Okeechobee the water rose from 1 1/4 to 2 1/4 feet as measured at Canal Point and at the head of the St. Lucie canal. This comparatively slight rise probably results from (1) the direction of the wind in both phases of the storm nearly parallel with

the east shore line and (2) the slope of the shore is much more pronounced over that section of the lake, water to a depth of 8 to 12 feet extending to within 600 to 1,000 feet of the shore, permitting undertow to set in, thus returning the storm driven surface water to the body of the lake along the bottom.

Along the entire south shore of the lake there are temporary dikes or levees extending to elevation 22 to 28 feet. The lower sections of the levee were topped. The high points around elevation 27 to 28 feet show unmistakable evidence that the water did not go over these high points. The temporary levee for the most part was constructed of muck, marl and sand or a mixture of the above and of rock in a few places where rock had been encountered in excavation. Though without riprap protection, considerable reaches of the levee suffered but minor damage.

In a few places the levee was completely breached, in many places the top was washed away to a depth of two or three feet. The section of levee within which damage oc-

curred extended from Pelican Point to Miami Canal, a distance of 114,242 feet. The aggregate length of levees washed out to below elevation 20 feet is 8,500 feet. On September 30, Lake Okeechobee stood at elevation 18 feet.

With the exception of the levee as above, drainage works of the district, including canals, locks, spillways and other structures, suffered no appreciable damage.

The velocity of the storm translation was approximately 12 miles per hour, so that equivalent storm periods as between West Palm Beach and the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee are separated by 3 or 4 hours.

The anemometer at Everglades Drainage District station three miles southeast of Lake Okeechobee near Belle Glade blew down at an indicated wind velocity of 96 miles per hour. Another instrument located at Canal Point is officially reported to have blown away while measuring 150 miles per hour. General indications in the affected territory would lead to the assumption that the storm of

September, 1928 is comparable to the one of September, 1926 where velocities of 132 miles per hour were reported from the Miami section.

Rain catchment on the 16th and 17th are as follows: Moore Haven, 5.33 inches; Canal Point, 5.82 inches; Head of St. Lucie Canal, 10.79 inches.

Amount is purposely referred to as "catchment" for there is little doubt our rain gauges did not catch all of the precipitation. The best guide to rainfall is the immediate rise of Lake Okeechobee of .9 feet. This rise occurred before water in appreciable quantities began discharging into the lake from its sheds.

This was the second, extremely heavy rainfall in a single period during the present season, there having occurred in August 13.46 inches of rain in less than three days. Though not relevant as to the September storm, it may be stated as having effect upon the lake and its watershed that the total rainfall caught at the St. Lucie station (near the center of both storms) for August and September was 47.4 inches and for

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the year to September 30, 88.17 inches, the normal for the year being 48 to 50 inches in the lake region.

Construction of the permanent levee was to have begun in 1927, but this work was delayed on account of lack of funds. The reason is litigation in reference to the issuance of bonds and the legislative act authorizing them. Plans for the permanent Lake Okeechobee levee call for the following:

(1) An earth embankment 110 to 130 feet wide on the base at elevation 14 to 17 feet, which is natural ground level; 10 to 20 feet wide on the crest at minimum elevation 25 feet, having the lakeside face protected by riprap for a minimum thickness of 3 feet extending from the base up to and across the crest with a minimum crest thickness of 2 feet, bringing the rock crest to a minimum elevation of 27 feet.

(2) A wider levee consisting of outer and inner earth embankments 200 to 250 feet apart center to

center with a hydraulic fill between them, reaching elevation 25 feet. The lakeside face of this levee is to be protected in the same manner as No. 1 with riprapped crest of 27 feet.

Specifications for both types provide a margin of one foot higher than the above crest elevation for finishing within the next section. The choice of structure depends upon needs from lake exposure, character of material for construction available at the site, and as places of refuge on which substantial storm resistant buildings could be provided at convenient intervals to be used under such conditions as have prevailed twice in the last two years.

Either of the above types of levee would have satisfactorily resisted the hurricane driven waters of September, 1928 and those of two years before.

Plans, specifications and forms of contract covering this work for 48 miles of the southern shore of the lake have been in readiness for many months in anticipation of advertising

for construction bids thereon.

As above stated the delay in constructing the permanent Lake Okeechobee levees resulted principally from legal controversies over legislation enacted and the issuance of the bonds thereunder, which made impossible the sale of bonds necessary to the financing of this work.

In comparison with the tremendous loss of life and property such controversies at such times appear of the nature of inconsequential quibbling over details and differences of opinion insignificant and difficult to comprehend. It is indeed unfortunate that although almost trivial and in some cases, prejudiced legislation, plans for the construction of works essential to the safety of life and the protection of property can be thwarted for so long.

Reference is not made here to the loss of life and property in this region for the reason that this subject has been fully covered by the press.

THE BELLE GLADE-PAHOKEE road acted as a catch-all, collecting debris and bodies that were swept upon it.

Damage light on west

The storm that brought so much death and destruction to the east coast of Lake Okeechobee didn't do much damage on the west coast.

A few deaths were reported in Okeechobee and Lakeport, none in Clewiston and only two in Moore Haven, a town that suffered badly during the 1926 hurricane.

The people killed in Moore Haven were Lewis Dey, a fisherman, and his son. The family was living aboard a houseboat in the lake. Mrs. Dey related her story to the Glades County Democrat.

The story is as follows: Slim hope held out by Mrs. Lewis Dey that Lewis Dey, her husband, would be found alive yesterday faded when the body of the fisherman was found at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and buried at 7:00 in Ortona.

Ever since last Monday morning, after the tropical hurricane had come in out of the southeast, broken up

their houseboat and sent the three members of the family, Mrs. Dey, her husband and a small son, sailing down the crest of the rising waters, hanging desperately to remaining boards of their barge, Mrs. Dey has retained a faint spark of hope that her husband would be found alive.

The plucky woman herself struggled against the current for nine hours and a half before the slender boards to which she clung lodged in shallow water and she was able to touch ground with her feet.

Thursday, the body of her small son was found floating in shallow water. Up until yesterday, however, the body of the husband had never been located and working on the theory that no news might be good news and that perhaps Dey had been carried to some out-of-the-way emergency hospital, the wife was holding out for the best, but inwardly believing the worst.

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Storm was "heck of a way to start life" for newlyweds

On September 16, 1928, Lois Hunt and her husband of only three months, Bill, were living in a houseboat on the Hillsboro Canal near the locks. Bill was a boat operator employed by the Holloway Dredge Company and the tale Mrs. Hunt (now Mrs. McCandle and living in Wauchula) related about the hurricane is one of terror.

This is her story in her own words:

It started on a Friday with bad weather, rains and clouds. They put out a hurricane warning on Saturday. Max Morris and Jay Morris lived just across the road from us where our houseboat was in the canal. Saturday morning, they packed up and left. They told us they were going to the coast and stay there.

They gave Mr. Elliott and Mr. White the key to their house and told us they had given them the key and that if it got to storming to come on over to their house and stay. They told us not to stay in our house. And it got worse Saturday evening and Saturday morning we woke up and it was really storming.

Just before dark Saturday, my husband took a notion to leave. We got to Chosen before the wind came along and almost blew us off the road. We couldn't drive in that wind, so we went back to the Morris house and Mr. White and Mr. Elliott were there.

Mrs. Morris had asked me if I would see to her home. She had just had new rugs and a double floor put down. It was an old pine floor but she had floored over it and fixed it up nice. She wanted me to take the rugs up and put them on the table if the water came up.

We picked them up when the men started running in and out. About dark the menfolk turned kind of pale and it looked like they were worried. I asked them about the water that was on the floor and they said it was rainwater. But I knew from the way they looked it was serious. Pretty quick, the wind kept puffing and blowing, the house began to raise and it twirled around and around, and we didn't know where we were going. I thought we were going to Okkechopee Lake, I don't know why.

Finally it came to a bump and a thump and began to sink. My husband kicked out the window, he had on those old peg-topped pants, boots and was trying to get those boots off. I had on a big heavy coat and I was trying to get it off. Mr. White and Mr. Elliott kicked out the dining room

window and by the time they got out, the house was sinking in the canal.

Mr. Elliott and I were still in the house. I had tied one of his boot strings around my little finger so I could keep up with him. I didn't want to hold on to him because I was afraid I would drown somebody.

Well, I didn't want to drown anybody. The house went below the water and I got a deep breath and went under to try to handhold the window sill and get through the window. Mr. White wasn't able to breathe and grabbed my feet around the ankles and jerked me back and I was under the water. But I got ahold of the window and kicked him off so I could get on through the window. Then I got out and I thought, Well now, I've drowned that man! and I got to feeling around with my feet and he grabbed by feet again and I drug him up by the coat collar and he got on out. And he was the first one up on the house he was so fast. He got up there and laid.

My husband got up next. I got up there but the wind blew me off and my fingers caught in the corrugated iron and I was hanging on there and they pulled me up. Mr. White reached down and got me by the foot and held it and they pulled me up on the roof and we lay on the roof until we got to the Belle Glade bridge. (Editor's Note: The Morris home apparently sank just so far before being swept eastward down the canal, like many other houses, during the flood of water released, by the breaking muck levee.)

The house floated in the canal all that way. The dike had broken, you know. The water was all over the land. I had floated in the canal almost all the way from the locks. We had started out almost across from Mr. Stein's place.

When it hit the bridge, H.E. Holloway's fuel barge was there on the bank. It had gotten hung up on the bank and my husband had been working with that company. The wind had blown all the siding off of it (the barge) except three or four pieces that were on a shelf up there by it. We all got up on that shelf and caught us a rafter (on the barge) and just sailed through the air...I guess the wind carried us...and we got that rafter and we all sat up on that shelf.

We were there awhile. I don't know how long, when Mr. Will and Mr. Pate and a couple of other fellows, I don't remember who they were, came out there with flashlights. We got to hollering all together so they

could hear. It was odd. They could hear us but they couldn't find us until one of them finally shined his light up there on the fuel barge and saw us. It was comical. They laughed and asked us what we were doing sitting up there. We told them we had floated down on Max Morris' houseboat and Lawrence Will said, "Oh, no." He said we were so scared (we didn't know what had happened) and they held the light and we got down. He wanted us to go with him and we didn't want to go away, we wanted to stay with the fuel barge. He said we might wind up in the Atlantic Ocean but we said at least we'd float if we didn't get busted. So they decided we had gone nuts...lost our minds we were so scared, you know...and he says he couldn't believe we had floated down on any house.

He said he was going to make us go to the hotel and I said "No, you won't make us go." We locked our arms and it was like pulling against a two-horse wagon to try to get against the wind to the hotel.

We got there and there was a car leaning against the wall on its side and there was water everywhere. Lawrence said he guessed Bill was right and he wasn't crazy. So we all went back to the fuel barge.

I went down into the hold with Mr. White because he was scared to death...he was from Virginia and had never been down in this country before and he was about to die. We sat down in the water, just sat down on the floor, and it was up to our chins. The menfolk, the rest of them, were bailing just to try to keep the fuel barge afloat.

We sat there all night until the storm was over. The next morning we got out and all the houses were gone and all the trees were cleared up and all we could see was lake. Just solid lake. And that was an awful thing to me.

But we saw some old buildings. Mrs. Hand's and the post office were in there then...The day was calm. It was just a gray day, if you know what I mean. Just a little shower and a little light wind. Just a gray day. The sun didn't come out and it was a solid lake. Gray, gray day.

We waded from the bridge out there to the old Hand building. No, Tedder had bought it. It was a hotel then. We went upstairs there and they started to bring in the sick people. The sick people and the drowned people. The people who could be saved and weren't quite so drowned but just half froze to death

or something. I know -- I had one of the little Martin children and rubbed little back into it. They had little dippers of whiskey going around and I got a pint of it and they told me to rub whiskey into the child. Faye Greer helped me. Dr. Buck was there. He had been in practice during World War I. That child pulled through.

They made us go out that day. We went to West Palm Beach Methodist Church and lived there for three weeks. My daddy stayed out there and helped them pick up dead people. He drank moonshine whiskey and helped drag people out until he just liked to rot. And he had one carbuncle (boil) right after another.

I finally had an apartment there in West Palm Beach and Dr. Buck told him he had to go out. He couldn't stay there. It was too poisoned. I got rid of those carbuncles but he had them all over his stomach and his shoulders and hips. He sure did get himself in a mess with carbuncles.

I haven't been able to think of the man's name who lost 16 of his family. He lived at Chosen though. His stepdaughter was the only one left in his family. (This is apparently Mrs. Helen McCormick, whose interview is reproduced elsewhere.)

In three weeks we came back to Belle Glade. We had a house in West Palm Beach but it got washed away. We had Bill's mother and dad living in it but we lost it. The Red Cross gave us \$1,000. Seems wrong but we could build a four-room house for that back then.

Our houseboat. When we got back to it we found a 100-pound bag of chicken feed and a little duck. Everything else had blown out of it. I found one picture of an aunt in a spot I had on the wall across from the door. Frank Morris found my husband's gun. It was a brand new gun and he

hated to lose it and told Frank about it. Frank said he knew where the gun was and he'd bring it back to him. He brought it back in a couple of days from Miami, where he had taken it.

We had to walk to Six Mile Bridge to get on a truck to go to West Palm Beach. All the men that were able came back out to clean back up. As soon as they got the hotel cleaned up for cooking and stuff, I came back out to help them cook, serve meals and stuff like that.

I got a room there (in Belle Glade) then. I don't remember how long we stayed in the hotel but I stayed there a long time. Finally Mr. Badger got his little house back and we rented that. Bill wanted us to stay in West Palm Beach and let him come out here to work but I wouldn't agree to that.

We had just gotten married a few months before

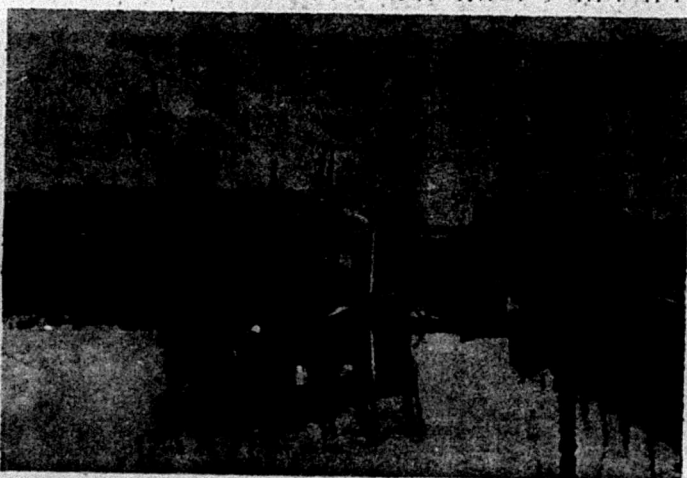
the storm. It was a heck of a way to start a life as far as we were concerned. We didn't have anything when we started, and we didn't have anything after the storm. But we were married and we knew we would make it. That's all it takes. That's all it takes...

Waltons donate boats

Members of the Isaak Walton League of Florida responded to a request for boats to help search for the dead quickly.

The water was rising between Belle Glade and Pahokee in late September and the boats were needed as searching on foot was growing almost impossible.

The boats were tagged and released by Fred Struck, secretary of the league. The rising waters forced residents along Military Trail in West Palm to abandon their homes.



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Voices cried for drainage—

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and the result was water "flowing the wrong way." Instead of forcing itself through the spillway into the Atlantic, it was taking the easier course of flowing west into Lake Okechobee. In a period of 24 hours,

Sharp pointed out in that week's paper, the lake rose from 13.1 feet to 14.2 feet and water continued to pour into it from the flatwoods and muckland east of the lake.

The spillway was finally opened later in the week and Sharp praised A.O.

Kay, a man who had been discharged from the District but was re-appointed assistant engineer in control of spillways after the August storm.

Sharp's praise, however, didn't last long. In early September, he was jabbing Kay for not opening the gates fully. He pointed out the water flow had been reduced since Kay first took over from over 14,000 cubic feet per second down to a trickle of 4,000.

And the lake continued to rise because the water flowing out in no way equaled the amount flowing in.

Sharp next took the soapbox from his post as county commissioner. His attacks echoed in the courthouse, as well as his newspaper. Politics played an increasing role as he began his campaign for the state legislature.

"If the outlets of Everglades drainage canals are not used as we who live in the district know they should be used," he said in a campaign address quoted by his newspaper, "I shall, if I am elected to the legislature, attempt to have the state drainage board removed from office under an impeachment proceeding."

Back in his role as editor, on September 7, Sharp wrote: "On August 14, 1926, the lake was at an elevation of 17.5 feet at Canal Point. It took a hurricane (the Moore Haven storm) to raise it to an elevation of 19.1 feet, which was attained by September 19."

WATER REMAINED IN THE AREA for many weeks after the storm and living conditions were slow to improve.

The three-foot rise of the lake in the past 30 days of this year shows how utterly false was the claim of the Tallahassee administration (of the District) that the Moore Haven disaster was wholly due to the hurricane. (Editor's Note: Here Sharp was referring to his belief that if the lake had not been at such a high level before the 1926 hurricane, much death and destruction could have been prevented.)

The lake can rise three feet more in the next 60 days under the influence of rains not abnormal at this season.

THE ADVOCATES OF A HIGH LAKE LEVEL TAKE A TERRIBLE RESPONSIBILITY UPON THEMSELVES."

In reading Sharp's words 50 years later, one wonders if he was really able to draw parallels between events in Moore Haven and the direction again being taken.

In a more thoughtful mood, Sharp commented on human emotions in an editorial: "Hurricane, flood, mosquitoes. It came in that order and the talk

followed in that order with the discussion of mosquito control still underway. (These were topics under discussion at the most recent meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.) Presently the hurricane will be forgotten. (The storm of August 10) The water will get away by soaking into the ground or being evaporated and the cold weather will keep the mosquitoes from breeding. The gentlemen and ladies who got excited about the hurricane and the flood and the mosquitoes will get excited about something else, but solid thinking people will keep the subjects in mind."

The next issue of the Everglades News was published on Friday, September 14, 1928. Two days before the hurricane.

Strangely, Sharp was silent on the issues of drainage and flood control in that issue.

It was almost as if he was waiting to see his prophecies fulfilled.

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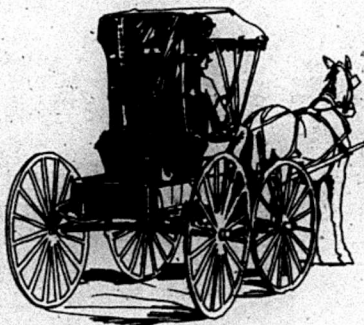


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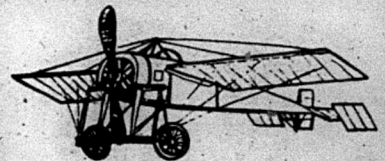
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Trammell
seeks aid
for farmers

An uncle of a Belle Glade man, Senator Park Trammell of Lakeland, introduced a bill to the U.S. Congress shortly after the 1928 hurricane seeking aid for farmers in the area.

Senator Trammell made a personal visit to the area and stayed for two days, witnessing the death and destruction and appealing for help for the growers "as far as possible" from the federal government.

Senator Trammell was the uncle of Charles B. Trammell, now president of Everglades Federal Savings and Loan.



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Early death reports were underestimated

High water remained in the Glades for weeks after the hurricane and that, combined with rapid deterioration of the bodies

and lack of communication, all contributed to underestimates of the actual death toll.

Papers in the area, both in West Palm, Moore Haven and Canal Point, quoted Red Cross officials as estimating the death toll at around 800 following evacuation of the area.

Howard Shelby, Red

Cross general chairman, announced on Wednesday, September 19, that 537 bodies had been buried at various points.

But the actual count was much more accurate than the very earliest estimates. A few days beforehand, the death toll was estimated to be only 50. It was revised to 200, then to 400, then to 800 and some officials were saying it may even go as high as 1,000.

A county official, S.W. Hiatt, the county agent, reported to the Canal Point Lions Club that 460 white homes had been destroyed in the region along with 535 Negro and tenant homes. He declared an immediate need for 300 homes for whites and said he was appealing to the government for seeds and gasoline and oil.

But the papers reported workers were still pushing daily into the water-covered areas north and east of the lake, hunting for bodies with grim determination.

Five days after the hurricane, it was noted the bodies being found could no longer be transported as they were so badly decomposed.

Witnesses have said boats would tow these bodies through the water, their heads tied together like grapes, to a point where they could be burned.

There was also an uncountable loss of animal life. Among the drifting trees, pieces of houses and human remains rested the bodies of rabbits, dogs, cats and snakes. Millions of fish were dead of the water pollution and their bodies



ONE OF THE MANY homes that were destroyed included this one, believed to have been located in South Bay.

added to the stench.

The Everglades News pleaded on September 21 for relief workers in the Glades.

"Relief workers who have labored in the Glades sections for days are worn out," the paper stated. "They need to be replaced by others, for they have almost reached the limit of human endurance. In many instances, there are inadequate sleeping accommodations for these workers."

The difficulty of estimating the dead was further

pointed out by the News in another story, which stated "During recent months, hundreds of workers have been pouring in to work on the farms in the area. Workers by the scores have been sent into Belle Glade, Pahokee and other points along the rim of Florida's great inland sea. No one knows the number of men who have gone into this section to labor, clearing land and putting fields into condition to receive fall crops."

Coffins were bad business

The Everglades News reported on October 5, 1928 that "conspicuous display of those coffins on the dock at Canal Point is hurting the real estate business."

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First death list published by the Everglades News

The earliest known death list to be published appeared on September 21 in the Everglades News. Though a list was published

by the Palm Beach Post the day before, the News list contained the same names along with additional bodies collected since.

Incomplete report of white hurricane victims at South Bay: 32 dead -- J.J. McAllister, Mrs. L.M. Grimes and baby, Mrs. Thigpen and two children, O. Wilder, Laura Wilder, Mrs. L. Murray and baby, Leland Murray, Gem Williams, Joe E. Rashley, Dave C. Rashley, Mrs. Eli Root, Gilbert Rashley, Lonny Martin and two children, Mrs. Henry Martin and three children, one family of five Scandinavians whose names were not known, three children of Clarence Lee;

At the time, more than 60 whites were known dead at Miami Locks, Ritta and South Bay, but the chances appeared likely the toll would rise.

It was agreed that the Negro casualties would be about five times higher than the whites.

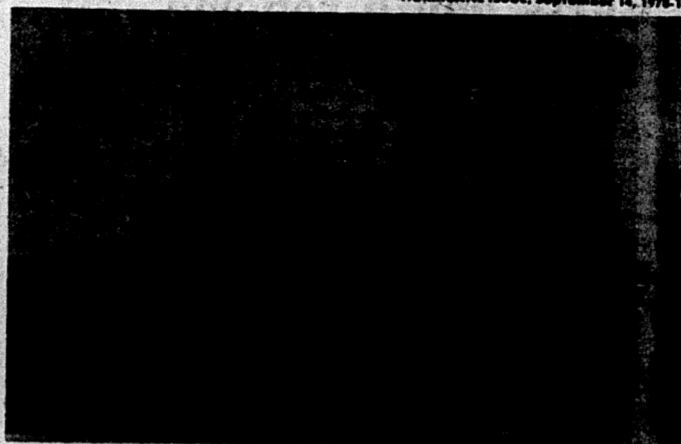
Those reported included the following:

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Boots, Virgil Boots, Maize Thomas and Berta Thomas, his wife and their children; Mamie Dell Thomas and R.M. Thomas, Jr.; M.M. Hall and Mrs. Carrie Hall, his wife, Grimstead, H.W. James, Cal McRaney and Mrs. Cal McRaney, Mrs. V.F. Thirsk, Mrs. Hughes and her son, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Wilbur E., Anna C., Mary Sue, John B. and Louis Thomas; William Harmon.

Mrs. Boots, Mrs. Thirsk, four of the Thomas children and William Harmon have not been found. The Thomas baby, Louise, was found.

Joe Rashley, Dave Rashley and their mother, Mrs. Rashley with two young children, and an additional list, updated, Mrs. H.L. Grimes, Mrs. A.G. Rowe, Christine Cherry, Eddie Carver, V. Neuhauser, Kirk Killpatrick, Mr. Horace Redden, James Williams, Mrs. Jessie Thigpen, Mrs. Schlector, G.W. Harp, Mrs. Pearl Smith and four children of Mrs. Frank Nugent.

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Louis Goolsby, a printer by trade but a man also employed by the United States Government to keep records of the lake level and wind at Canal Point, submitted two pages of his old record book that reveal an interesting fact.

On the morning of the storm at 8:00 a.m., the lake stood at 16.55 feet and on the morning of the 17th, it had fallen to 16.4 despite the heavy rainfall accompanying the hurricane.

This can probably be explained as a great deal of water was still all over the land, thus lowering the lake level.

Perhaps more interesting, however, is the steady rise in lake level until the record book ends on September 30. By that time,

the water had risen to 18.4 feet.

Goolsby also noted that the wind was blowing at 18 miles per hour on the morning of the 16th, was "brisk" out of the south-east on the 17th and by the 19th, it was calm and remained so until the 29th.

Banks back in business

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Mrs. Todd gives account of hurricane in Pahokee

By Uldene Owen Todd
Fear struck at the hearts of the people, as news came over the radio Sept. 28, 1928, that a severe hurricane was due to hit the fabulous East Coast Sunday night. By nightfall all contact with the

outside world was lost. The rain fell in torrents, lashing against the side of the hotel where Mrs. Ferraro, her daughter Lucinda and her sister Mrs. Estelle Floyd were living, as though tossed from the hands of an angry God.

The wind blew in furious gusts from the west across the lake. The waves were madly dashing in frenzy in wake of the wind. The white caps ten feet high were dashing and breaking against the grassy shores as though seeking to wreck vengeance against the earth which held it in the palm of its hand.

Soon the water driven by 200-mile an hour wind was pushing across the ridge and the muckland was flooded under six feet of water. Mrs. Ferraro saw the walls of the hotel begin to buckle. Together they assisted Mrs. Estelle Floyd, who had been sick with asthma, from the building followed by Mrs. Owen's son Rembert Owen, his wife Mabel, children Ernest and Nina. They, followed by the guest, made their way out of the hotel just as the building crashed, and lay trembling beneath the feet of the all-conquering giant.

They all clung close together bending forward to embrace themselves against the tempestuous winds, as they made their way to the

house of their neighbor which was still standing as though protected by unseen angels hovering near to give aid and comfort to those in need.

Mrs. Ferraro and her father and family clung close together as they made their way into the house of their neighbor which was still standing as though protected by the hand of God.

As Mrs. Ferraro and her father entered the front door of this haven, a great calm settled over the town like some evil ghost, wafting the walls of the distressed and injured against the silence.

For some the silence was more ominous than the wind. A few, ignorant of the laws of hurricanes, ventured out of shelter. Before they could return the heavens seemed to scream with unleashed fury and were swept away by the wind and water as the wind shifted and blew from the east with the turbulent frenzy of unleashed anger of the sky.

The water came rushing across the land as though the flood gates of hell had turned loose. The little house was snatched from its foundation and went careening across the sea of turbulent water and blackness.

The shock of the second fury passed quickly for Mrs. Ferraro. She saw a very frightened young mother on her bed holding a two-day

old baby clasped in her arms with look of utter dejection mirrored in her face.

Her training as a nurse predominated over fear, and soon, with the help of others, the bed on which mother and babe huddled was safely placed across the top of two tables and pushed into the corner of the room for better security.

With each angry blast of the furious wind the little house would groan, and then spit defiance in the face of the wailing wind as it was tossed and driven through the sea of tempest.

Everyone inside the house was in a fervent mood of prayer. Surely prayers were answered, and the protector of all mankind anchored the little house on the ridge with a thunderous jolt which brought those inside to their knees in the murky water that had filtered in during their half-mile hazardous ride in darkness on a sea of tempest.

The bed on which mother and babe were stayed anchored as though the hand of the great omnipotent hovered there.

As the wind came from the west, pushing the Okachobee waters across hundreds of acres of muck farming land, it drowned 1,836 and many other persons suffered injuries during its fury. It then came from the east pushing the waters

back into the shallow basin of big waters.

As dawn broke through the gray mist of low-hanging clouds that were dancing and prancing in frenzied glee, as they fled before the wailing winds. At times the wail was a demoniacal laugh as it passed over the death and destruction the storm was leaving in its path.

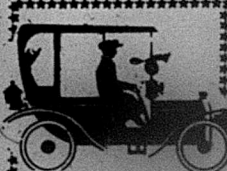
Through the hushed stillness of a new day, you could hear the scream of the police siren, calling everyone to assemble at the school house which was designated as the central gathering place.

With the assistance of the men who had sought refuge in the small farm house, Mrs. Ferraro with the help of husband and father of mother and babe, soon had the new mother and babe transferred to the new school building which had miraculously withstood the devastation of the hurricane winds.

Mrs. Ferraro, the only registered nurse present, assumed charge of the wounded as they were brought in by volunteer workers and the American Legion. The most severely wounded were given first aid, then transported by the American Legion to the nearest hospital.

There, they were either hospitalized or sent to the

homes of kind citizens who offered to care for refugees until they could return to their farms and rebuild their homes. The Red Cross moved quickly to "get with it" in helping the disaster victims to rehabilitate themselves.



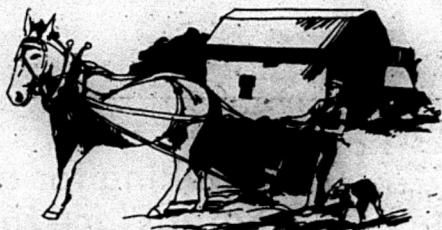
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Voices cried for drainage before the storm

Well before the 1928 hurricane, there were voices in the Glades crying out against the procedures being followed by the Everglades Drainage District and its administration.

Perhaps chief among them was Howard Sharp, editor and publisher of the Everglades News of Canal Point. Sharp was a Palm Beach County Commissioner and used his newspaper both to

further his political ambitions and to editorialize about the lake area and its future.

He was extremely critical of the District for not opening the spillways of the canals leading from the lake. In the News, on July 27, 1928, a banner headline across the front page stated: "Spillways should be open at the outlet ends of drainage canals!"

Beneath this headline was a news-editorial with a second headline above it reading "Elliott doesn't expect Flood: He never does." The story read as follows:

"Fred C. Elliott of Tallahassee, chief drainage engineer of the Everglades Drainage District, does not expect overflow conditions in 1928, so he told a caller at his office last week.

"This implies that he will hold to the old policy of closed spillways at the outlet ends of drainage canals and will produce a high lake level.

Mr. Elliott has never expected flood conditions in the Everglades.

"He did not expect the flood in 1922; the rains took him unaware because he had made no provisions for them. He did not expect the flood in 1924; a few days

before the country was flooded his interview with the Palm Beach Post reported the Glades in good shape despite the rains. He did not expect the flood in 1926 which came before the hurricane.

"The chief drainage district engineer never expects any overflow conditions."

What Sharp was referring to was the hurricane of 1926 which killed over 400 people in Moore Haven, across Lake Okeechobee from Pahokee. Before the storm, rains had built up the lake level despite local pleas that the gates be opened and the lake drained down to a more manageable level.

In Moore Haven, the hurricane winds piled water up against a puny muck levee, which broke and produced a tidal wave.

Now events seemed to be heading in the same direction even though Sharp and others continued to point out the dangers.

An example would be a "Letter to the Editor" written by Thomas Hunter of Pahokee in early August. Hunter points out the controversy surrounding the opening of the gates to lower the lake.

"There is a conflict of interests between up-stream dwellers and downstream

dwellers," he wrote. "The cry downstream (when the gates are open) goes 'You are flooding us down here, close the dams!' But when the cry is heeded, then in a very short time the upstream portion of the canal becomes likewise filled with surface drainage."

This battle continued for a long time. As late as 1930, the citizens of Belle Glade and South Bay almost went to war when the North New River Canal was dammed by Fort Lauderdale residents, thereby flooding fields. But on the other hand, people in Fort Lauderdale claimed water rushing down from the Glades was flooding them out.

Sharp's attacks on Elliott and the Everglades Drainage District increased even more following the week of August 10, 1928. A tropical wave, not really a hurricane but almost so, passed over the area and dumped five and a quarter inches of rain into the lake.

One roof was blown off the home of James Maxwell at Bacom Point in the storm and J.F. Hudson's house near Canal Point suffered damage when a tree blew over onto it, but no lives were lost and stock did not receive injury.

However, the rain caused Lake Okeechobee to rise. The canal outlet at West Palm Beach was only partially opened at that time

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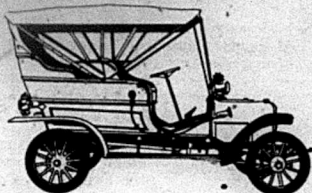


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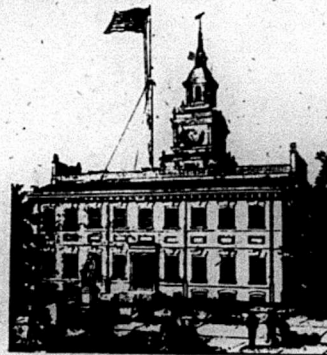
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Wrangle result was no dike in '28

From the late 1800's, the control of water in the Everglades has been of prime interest to the people of the region.

Drainage efforts were first

made in 1881 by Harold Disston. Disston had made a deal with the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to receive half of all the land he permanently drained but

when this fell through, he purchased four million acres at 25 cents per acre and became the largest landowner in the country.

He began drainage projects in the Kissimmee Valley and the Caloosahatchee River, the first attempts at any kind of water control.

Disston realized some return on his investment as he began selling farms at from \$1.25 to \$5 per acre but after his death on April 30, 1886, work was halted on his project.

In 1901, William S. Jennings became governor and began to sort out the problems that had resulted from a legislative promise during the 1890s to deed land to the railroads for building rail lines. It wound up that more land had been granted than the state owned, but the railroads were finally deeded almost ten million acres.

In 1903 the question of drainage came before the legislature after Gov. Jennings appealed to the federal Department of Agriculture for help.

Help arrived when federal engineer C.G. Elliott did a survey and proposed draining small units close to the coast and moving on into the interior as the demand

for land increased.

But Napoleon Bonaparte Broward put an end to that idea. Campaigning on a drainage issue, Broward was elected governor with the slogan "Water will run downhill" and in 1905, pushed a program that included dredging a canal from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie River.

Again in 1906, Elliott offered his services and that of the Department of Agriculture and suddenly, politics were heating up as pro-drainers fought those who believed the Everglades were beyond help. One newspaper may have summed up these feelings in an editorial that stated "some men believe the Everglades should be drained while others urge the annexation of the moon."

A new drainage law in 1907 established the Everglades Drainage District with power to levy a

tax of up to five cents per acre to be used for drainage, of course.

And hard on the heels of this law came the land speculators, the most flamboyant, perhaps, being Richard J. Bolles who purchased 500,000 acres, built a luxurious hotel on the banks of Lake Okeechobee, and began selling "farms" for an average of \$16 per acre.

The speculation, mail land sales, and other practices of Bolles and other developers resulted in a great deal of juicy newspaper copy, including quotes of those who declared the land was purchased by the quart and plowed by launch.

But in 1912, the problems had grown so acute that Congress stepped in with an investigation and Sen. Park Trammell called for a policy of selling bonds for drainage work.

An engineer of national

reputation, Isham Randolph, headed a group called the Everglades Engineering Commission which reported it would be best to go about drainage in an orderly progression from the coast but because of existing work and sales, recommended "one continuous project with the greatest expedition possible."

By that time, three canals had been completed, the Hillsboro, North New River, and the Miami. The West Palm Beach canal was under construction and the report recommended that three more canals, between these four, be started as well as locks at Port Mayaca. The cost was estimated to be over \$24 million.

This became the basis of the state's reclamation system but the money market for bonds was un-

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favorable and in 1917, the new governor, Rev. Sidney Catta, suggested selling all of Florida's Everglades land from \$5 to \$8 per acre and pushing the whole question of drainage into private hands.

But before this could be done, a firm purchased \$3.5 million of the bonds and work began.

Throughout this time, settlers were drifting into the Everglades, some to settle on land they had purchased and others to "squat" on land that belonged to the state or to others.

And it was dry. Little rain had fallen in the Glades during this period. That happy season ended in 1922 and the lake rose 4 1/4 feet, inundating the area from Clewiston to Moore Haven.

In 1924, more wet weather came along and a muck dike was built for protection from flooding the fields.

And in 1926, hurricane winds pushing against a lake that stood at over 19 feet resulted in a wall of water after the dike broke at Moore Haven. Over 400 people were killed and the question of drainage became one of water control.

Knowing that the key to water control of the Everglades was the control of Lake Okeechobee, Gov. John Martin's plan for lake control was endorsed by the legislature in 1925, but nothing had been done.

The people left in Moore Haven blamed the disaster on the dike, noting the water had piled up on it before rushing through but the Everglades Drainage District officials said it was an act of God.

State attorney general J.B. Johnson presented a



ONE OF THE BREAKS in the muck dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee in 1928 is pictured.

defense for the state, claiming that since the Drainage District was more readily available to the people's wrath than God, it was bearing the brunt of criticism.

The Avon Park Sun, however, claimed whoever was responsible for the high water in the lake was responsible for the deaths, a claim echoed by the Everglades News. (See the story on events before the 1928 hurricane.)

Another engineering board in 1927 recommended a system of water control for the lake that would include a levee 110 to 130 feet wide at the base to elevation 25 and 14 to 17 feet thick at the

crest. Also recommended was improvements of the old canals and construction of a new east-west canal. This work was to cost in the neighborhood of \$22 million.

The legislature agreed to the recommendations but before the first bond could be sold, problems arose as the residents of the lower east coast noted they would bear the brunt of the cost without realizing much in the way of benefits.

By the end of 1927, the bond issue was a tangled legal mess and without funds, the drainage board had ceased active operations.

This was the stage, then, on September 16, 1928.



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Stuckeys take shelter in mother's house

PAHOKEE—Adaline Stuckey and her husband Dave were among several families who sought refuge from the '28 hurricane in her mother's home located near the present Prince Theatre building. Their own home, built in 1927, floated across the road and part of it turned upside down. When the hurricane was over, they brought their house back and continued to live in it.

The only living being inside their home was a Collie dog that washed out during the storm. "You know she wouldn't come back to this house," Mrs. Stuckey laughed. "And my husband had an old mule here (at their home). He had it tied up but we didn't know the storm would be that bad. So during the lull, he come down to see about that mule. That mule survived too. He washed across the road, but he didn't die."

Among the many people who found shelter in Mrs. Stuckey's mother's home, "one of the safest houses at the time" were her family, Duncan Padgett and wife Lillian, Pete, Mutt, Alice, John, Dan and parents Alice and Charlie Moran. Also present were Ruth and Dan Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Shives and daughter Jerline. Duncan, 27 then, was sick and in bed. "He was not active in the '28 storm. We had him in the back bedroom and everybody was worried about him; he was about to die."

During the second part of the storm, as the winds changed and rushed across Lake Okeechobee, the muck dike built at that time was washed away. "The lake washed up against it that night and that dike broke. That's when all the people got drowned, in the second half of the storm." She continued, "Course the road was built to Belle Glade. It helped a little; it helped the water in. It might have been safer if they hadn't had the road."

Statements that the people received no warning are incorrect, according to Mrs. Stuckey. "We had a radio and the weatherman from Miami did warn us that it was a bad storm. But the people, just like me, didn't believe it."

As Pahokee felt the hurricane's force, the Padgett house suffered broken windows. "A house that my mother owned down the road, where the old hospital used to be, floated three or four blocks. And a woman had a baby in that house that night." She said the house was "straightened on the new lot and sold to John Bolton who lived in it for years before building his own home. It's still there now."

Mrs. Stuckey is one of the few people who have original pictures of the hurricane disaster. The day after the

storm, she dug through her dresser which washed across the road with part of her house and brought out her Kodak camera. The camera happened to have a fresh roll of film in it so she snapped the shots and luckily all turned out.

"After the hurricane, they made the women and children leave. They sent the National Guard in. I stayed here several days, maybe almost a week, and then my husband sent us out," she said.

"The water was all out here and the dead were all out here. It was terrible, the odor." Mrs. Stuckey left Pahokee with her two children about a week after the hurricane and returned another week. Though a lot of the damage and the dead were taken care of, men were still searching and cleaning. Several years afterward, her husband plowed up the remains of a person while farming land.

"My husband was a farmer and he had a horse where his colored help lived; out there where Padgett Island is now," she said. "After the hurricane, they all got drowned (20 or 30 people), but one old man and one little girl. That was the oddest thing, the oldest and the youngest. They hung to a light pole."

She remembered a Carver family, Mr. and Mrs. Carver who had twins. "When the water began to come in on them, he took one little child and she took the other. His washed away and drowned." "I'll never forget the dead scent," she said. "For years and years up until now, when that old plant used to be between here and Belle Glade, using that Quaker Oats material, sometimes we'd smell that odor over here. It just took my mind back to the other."

The Salvation Army provided relief for the survivors. "All I had left of my clothes was the dress I had on," Mrs. Stuckey recalls. "But the Salvation Army sent us some clothes and the Red Cross came in."

"At that time nobody, as far as I know, stole anything of mine. I got out and dug 'em out of the mud, a lot of things. Everything you had got washed away." She doesn't recall any stealing, unless it was of this type: "Months afterward, I have a friend who lived way down Bacom Point Rd. (Mrs. Stuckey lives on W. Main St. near City Hall) and she was up here one day. She said, 'Adaline, you got my bath tub.' It was a baby bath tub. And I said, 'Well, old man Long give it to me; he found it.' So if you looted, it was like that."

"The day before the storm in '28, now that I remember, she explained. 'It (the storm) came on a Sunday night. The day before, a Saturday, was the most

beautiful day I think I ever remember. The clouds was rolling overhead and the pretty trees—a beautiful day. Nobody'd ever dream there was gonna be a storm the next day."

She walked over to the house next door where a man was sitting on his porch. The storm reports were already out, but the conversation focused on the pleasant day and disbelief that a storm was on its way.

"We had church right after the storm," she remembered, at the Methodist Church. "The preacher we had then, his name was Myers, he had two little children. When he heard the hurricane was coming, he was a smart preacher, he took his family and left. You know how people are. Afterward they didn't want him to come back. They thought he deserted the flock. I thought he was smart. So then we had a preacher come in that had been in the hurricane over in Moore Haven, Fred Tifton."

"I never left in a hurricane before the '28 storm, but I left in two since then. But when the '49 storm came, I stayed here." That storm (1949) is one several people mentioned as very threatening. However, the Herbert Hoover Dike was completed at that time, offering protection not provided in 1928. "I decided I wasn't leaving anymore. They built the dike to protect us. I guess it would hold. I think it'll hold."

During the '28 storm, she remembers the little Lindroose boys "cried with their ears" because the pressure was so bad that their ears hurt. "We had a whole bunch of children. We put 'em all back in the back room in a bed." Her brother Duncan, Pahokee's mayor, was in that bedroom where part of the roof flew off. "He's rode around in every one of 'em (storms) and that's the only one he ever missed. They had him down so he couldn't get out that time."

Her mother's store, Padgett's General Store, was opened up following the storm, as the National Guard took over. Mr. Stuckey and a friend, Carl Cone, helped each other repair their houses. The Red Cross also assisted later with the Stuckey home.

"I do remember at Christmastime, the Salvation Army came in and put up a community Christmas tree in the school auditorium. We didn't have any money cause my husband was farming and it washed off the farms away. The government gave them seed to replant and the Salvation Army gave all the children and everybody else a present. They were real nice. I can't ever do enough for the Salvation Army." Without the Salvation Army, she said, very few of the

PAHOKEE'S MAIN STREET suffered from wind and water damage but few people were killed inside the town.

average people would have had a good Christmas that year.

"It rained and blowed two or three days after the storm," she said. A neighbor, Arthur Rice, the father of Mrs. Catherine Fountain of Pahokee, waded through the water to her back door. "Well, did you taste it (the water); was it salty," Mrs. Stuckey asked him.

Mrs. Stuckey says she's now more afraid of an electrical storm than a wind storm, even after the hurricane. She doesn't remember any lightning in the '28 storm. And through all the fear and death, she says she doesn't get nervous to hear about other hurricanes and storms which could come her way.

Taping windows won't help much

Taping your windows in a hurricane won't help much, according to representatives of the Palm Beach County Red Cross.

Many news photographs of hurricanes show merchants and homeowners busily taping up the windows of their homes or businesses but Don Hicks of the Red Cross said that will only slow up flying objects a bit.

"Since the 1950s," said Hicks, "the building codes have required glass win-

dows in Florida to withstand winds of 120 miles per hour. But most windows are broken by flying objects and taping them won't help."

Hicks said the best thing to do is to shutter up the windows and said many Glades homes can be shuttered easily and inexpensively.

He noted that nine out of ten deaths caused by hurricanes are caused by water, not the wind, however.



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BELLE GLADE shows the effects of wind and water that ravaged the young city. The Tedder Hotel, now Fear's, was one of the few buildings that survived intact.

Hurricane shelters listed

Shelters are available to Glades residents through the Red Cross in the event of a hurricane and if you're not sure that your home could survive sustained winds and gusts of 150 miles per hour or better, you should seek shelter in one.

Below are listed the Red Cross shelters and the number of people they can accommodate.

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Okeechobee Nursery School, 300; Gove Elementary, 500; Glades Central Annex, 300; Glade View Elementary, 300; Glades Central High School, 500;

Lakeshore Junior High, 500.

South Bay Elementary, 300; Rosenwald Elementary, 300.

Pahokee

Pahokee High School, 500; Canal Point Elementary, 300; East Lake Middle School, 500.

Maintaining the shelters and seeing to human needs in the event of a hurricane will be the Glades Area American Red Cross volunteers and officers.

Doug Wooten is the area chairman and Frank Dooley the vice-chairman. Other officers include: Mary Van Winkle, Pahokee and Canal

Point Chairman; Duncan Padgett, vice chairman; W.C. Taylor, shelter chairman.

James Wierengo, vice chairman; H.W. Berryman, shelter co-ordinator; Louis Kirchman, food chairman; Ralph Kirk, rescue chairman; August Kirchman, transportation chairman;

Carrol Turner, communications chairman; Ronnie Jones, vice chairman; Howard Bair, communications coordinator; Dan Wallis, Civil Air Patrol liaison; Herbert Noble, Civil Air Patrol liaison; and Bruce Bows, survey chairman.

Many deaths are attributed to blacks staying in the area

By far, the greatest number of people killed during the 1928 hurricane were Negroes. Black people lived in small, wooden homes that didn't stand a chance and offered virtually no protection from the tidal wave caused by the breaching of the levee.

In other years, however, the death toll would perhaps have been less because it was the tradition of the blacks to migrate from the Glades during the slack season.

In 1928, it appears they didn't. Perhaps this news story, reported in the Everglades News on July 27, 1928, explains why.

"With a flock of chickens, plenty of vegetables, corn or meal and lots of good fish in the canals, no

Negro tenant family need go hungry.

"It is suspected that the cane fields are raided for chewing sweetness."

Good Eats in Glades For Colored People

"More colored people are remaining in the upper Glades this season than ever before. Why this is so is easy to understand -- there is no employment to attract them elsewhere and although work is scarce here now, the cost of living is low.

"Many of the farmers allow their laborers to put in crops on land that would otherwise be idle and to have the residue of last season's crops for picking.



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THE EVERGLADES EXPERIMENT Station suffered heavily from water damage during the storm.

Wind guage blows away

In his annual report in 1929, R.V. Allison, director of the Everglades Experiment Station, reported that work had been halted through December because of the September hurricane.

Allison noted the storm reached the station on September 16 and strong winds and heavy rainfall continued through the 17th. He said the station anemometer was destroyed at 8:18 p.m. on the 16th after recording wind velocity of 92 miles per hour.

However, Allison stated,

conservative estimates would say the maximum intensity of the wind reached 125-135 miles per hour.

The lull at the station occurred around 10:00 p.m. and lasted for about an hour and total rainfall received from September 17 through the 21st was 11.35 inches, according to the report, but it noted the rain guage had received damage.

A dike surrounding the station broke and the small pumps in operation could not remove the water. The

flood rose to three feet by September 17, then dropped quickly to two but remained on the land until December 4.

All the experiments underway were destroyed and had to be abandoned and serious damage was done to several buildings, including destruction of a five-room bungalow, two labor cabins, one garage, and the west section of the greenhouse. A two story boarding house was wrecked and had to be torn down.

Refugee list is given, shelter offered in Miami

Following is a listing of refugees of the hurricane that were housed at Little Ranches Dormitory in Hollywood and the County Stockade in Miami on September 21, 1928.

From South Bay: Mrs. George Alberts, Willie Boots, Harold Clark, Grace Clark, Mrs. Edwin Forbes, Jack Forbes, Everett Forbes, Charles Forbes, Mrs. Charles Forbes, S.J. Fisher, Mrs. S.J. Fisher, Lalah Fisher, Evelyn Fisher;

Tom Graham, Mrs. Tom Graham, Evelyn Graham, Audrey Graham, Author Graham, Earl Graham, L.M. Grimes, Mrs. Mary Hawkins, Dela Hawkins, Harold Hawkins, John Henry Hawkins, Delmar Hawkins;

White T. Ruth, Jule Lowe, Luther Lowe, Mary Merrill Lowe, Mrs. F.W. Mutchler, Marion Mutchler, R.D. Massee, three Massee children, Mrs. Lee Rawls, Mrs. W.H. Rawls, Louise Rawls, W.M. Reid, Kathryn Bales, Vernie Bales, Phyllis Sharmon, W.C. Thigpen, Berlin Walker, Debs Thigpen, H.C. Willits;

Mrs. H.C. Willits, Elsie May Willits, Edith Willits, Alice Willits, Aubrey Walker, Mrs. Aubrey Walker, Louise Walker, Quinlan Walker;

C.W. Clark, Margaret Fisher, Hazel Fisher, Frank Augustine, Mabel Barstow and two children, Gertrude Crocker and eight children, Lessie Ellison and three children, Catherine Hoch and two children, Mary McLendon, Edna Milford and six children, Milford Hardy.

From Belle Glade: Mrs. D.C. Arnett, Mountain Arnett, D.C. Arnett, Jr., Mrs. Rose Manga, S.G. Parker, Mrs. S.G. Parker, Lovone Parker, L.S. Mrs. L.S. Joe and Maggie May Stump, Nettie Mote and three children, Annie Sims and four children.

From Pahokee: Oscar Atkins, his wife and two children, Opal Crocker and one child, Nona Graham and six children, R.V. Rudd, his wife and two children, Adaline Shormer and Hattie Friend.

From Chosen: John Knighten, Mrs. John Knighten, Lee Knighten, Carrie Knighten, Evelyn Knighten, Ana Belle Knighten, Imogene Knighten, Grace Marie,



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